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Police
chief exits
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Baroda-Lake Twp. top cop
Gary Ruhl retires after
dispute with police board

By JULIE SWIDWA
H-P Staff Writer

BARODA — Gary Ruhl, who has been a police officer in Berrien County for 37 years, is retiring as chief of the Baroda-Lake Township Police Department, a lawyer for the townships said Friday.

Scott Dienes, a St. Joseph lawyer, said Ruhl announced his retirement after a Baroda-Lake Township Police Board meeting Wednesday that was not without controversy.

Dienes said Ruhl's retirement will be effective Dec. 31 and that, meanwhile, Ruhl is using accumulated vacation, sick and personal time. He said Sgt. Shawn Martin has been appointed interim chief.

"I will confirm there was a dispute between Gary and the police board and it was resolved amicably," Dienes said Friday. "Something triggered discussions between Gary and the police board, but the dispute was settled amicably, which is a reflection of mutual respect."

Dienes would not say what the dispute was about, and Ruhl could not be reached for comment. Township officials referred calls to Dienes.

"I won't get into details. The community has great respect and appreciation for (Ruhl's) years of service," the lawyer said.

John Gast, Lake Township supervisor, and James Brow, Baroda Township supervisor, would not discuss details of Ruhl's departure.

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Mich. senators
draft new law
if voters say
no to EMs

By JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press

LANSING — The leader of the Michigan Senate said he and fellow Republican colleagues are armed with a proposal to replace the state law that lets emergency managers take over local governments in the event voters strike it down in November.

The behind-the-scenes effort, which doesn't appear to involve Republican House leaders or GOP Gov. Rick Snyder, aims to keep a form of the contentious law on the books while acknowledging some of the critics' concerns, which include that it takes too much power from local leaders struggling with budget deficits.

Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville told The Associated Press on Thursday the move is not an admission that the current law is flawed, but the new draft takes those concerns into account. He said he couldn't provide details about the alternative bill because the draft is under legal review.

"If something happened like that bill was overturned, I think the Legislature would have to be ready to respond and to still deal with the emergency," Richardville said. "You can

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A mother's journey



Jody Warner / H-P staff

St. Joseph Township resident Mindy Flowers-Daisy stands at the grave of her son, Kory, at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville Thursday. Flowers-Daisy will be walking from St. Joseph to Ann Arbor, beginning Oct. 5, to raise awareness and money for young adults fighting cancer. Her son Kory, 24, died of leukemia on Aug. 20, 2010.

Walk to Ann Arbor seeks to help young people with cancer

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — For most people, the 20s are a time to complete their education, launch a career, start a family. Financial resources may be low, but hopes are high.

The last thing they expect to hear is that they have cancer.

But that's what 21-year-old Kory Daisy learned on Oct. 10, 2007, when doctors told him he had leukemia/lymphoma.

"He was in shock. He told me, 'I can't believe I have cancer,'" recalled his mother, Mindy Flowers-Daisy of St. Joseph Township. "I couldn't believe it either. He had always been healthy. He never missed a day of high school from being sick."

Kory, a graduate of Lakeshore High School, fought a three-year battle against the disease, receiving treatment at the University

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of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, and later in Houston. He died Aug. 20, 2010, at 24.

This year his mother founded Pennies from Heaven to provide financial help and emotional support to people ages 21-30 who have cancer.

On Oct. 5, she will begin a 155-

mile walk from Hickory Bluff Cemetery in St. Joseph Township, where Kory is buried, to Ann Arbor to raise money and awareness for this cause.

The walk is carrying on the spirit of caring that Kory showed for the other people with cancer he met, particularly those close

to his age, Flowers-Daisy said.

"Part of our journey was that we saw so many kids his age with no help, with no support. A lot of them were getting chemo and had no one there for them," Flowers-Daisy said. "It broke his heart."

Cancer is increasing among young people, and it can have an especially devastating effect for these victims with no savings and often no insurance.

According to the I'm Too Young for This! Foundation, young adults account for 72,000 new cancer diagnoses each year — one every eight minutes. That rate is seven times more than all pediatric cancers.

A report released last week and reported in the journal Cancer found that many teen and young adult cancer survivors in the United States go without

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FDA warning public of risks of online pharmacies

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
AP Business Writer

The Food and Drug Administration is warning U.S. consumers that the vast majority of Internet pharmacies are fraudulent and likely are selling counterfeit drugs that could harm them.

The agency on Friday launched a national campaign, called Be-SafeRx, to alert the public to the danger, amid evidence that more people are shopping for their medicine online, looking for savings and convenience.

Instead, they're likely to get fake drugs that are contaminated, are past their expiration date or contain no active ingredient, the wrong amount of active ingredient or even toxic substances

such as arsenic and rat poison. They could sicken or kill people, cause them to develop a resistance to their real medicine, cause new side effects or trigger harmful interactions with other medications being taken.

"Our goal is to increase awareness," FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg told The Associated Press, "not to scare people away from online pharmacies. We want them to use appropriate pharmacies."

That means pharmacies that are located in the U.S., are licensed by the pharmacy board in the patient's state and have a licensed pharmacist available to answer questions. In addition, the pharmacy must require a valid doctor's prescription for

the medicine. Online drugstores that claim none is needed, or that the site's doctor can write a prescription after the customer answers some questions, are breaking the law.

Research by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, which represents the state pharmacy boards, found that of thousands of online pharmacies it reviewed, only about 3 percent follow state and federal laws. In fact, the group's website lists only a few dozen Internet pharmacies that it has verified are legitimate and following the rules.

Most consumers don't know that. An Internet survey, conducted by the FDA in May, questioned 6,090 adults. It found that nearly one in four Internet

shoppers has bought prescription drugs online, and nearly three in 10 said they weren't confident they could do so safely.

The campaign comes after some high-profile cases of counterfeit drugs reaching American patients earlier this year.

In February and again in April, the FDA warned doctors and cancer clinics around the country that it had determined they had bought fake Avastin, a pricey injectable cancer medicine, from a "gray market" wholesaler. The fake Avastin vials originated in Asia or Eastern Europe and were transferred through a network of shady wholesalers before being sold to

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No sign of remains in search for Hoffa

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

ROSEVILLE — Jimmy Hoffa is presumed dead, cocooned in mystery and innuendo and missing for the past 37 years. Patricia Szpunar just hopes that if the former Teamsters boss’ remains do turn up, they’re not in her backyard.

Over the years, authorities have dug up a Michigan horse farm, looked under a swimming pool and pulled up floorboards in their quest for Hoffa.

The latest search led police, droves of local and national reporters and dozens of curious onlookers to Szpunar’s brick ranch-style home in Roseville.

“I’m looking forward to everybody going home,” she told The Associated Press

on Friday from her front porch. Szpunar has lived at the house since 1988.

Minutes earlier, a small mob of people scooted by, following closely behind police who were carrying tubes of soil samples taken from two 6-foot holes drilled through the concrete floor of her backyard shed.

Police in the mostly working- and middle-class community north of Detroit recently received a tip from a man who claimed he saw someone buried there about 35 years ago and that the body possibly belonged to Hoffa.

The crowd buzzed Friday, muffled a bit by the periodic whir of the drill. Szpunar cautiously peeked at the activity from the security of her partially enclosed rear deck.



Roseville Police Department detectives carry soil samples removed from a shed floor of a Roseville home Friday.

“It’s not excitement for me,” she lamented. “This has turned my life upside down. My son can’t even come out and cut the grass.”

She may receive a respite

this weekend. The samples taken Friday are expected to be tested Monday by forensic anthropologists at Michigan State University for traces of human decomposition. Wet soil and clay

were found, but there was no visible sign of human remains, Roseville Police Chief James Berlin said.

A negative test Monday means police likely will rip down the yellow tape roping off the entrance to Szpunar’s yard – nothing to see here.

But if decomposition is found, authorities will dig up the driveway, whether it’s Hoffa beneath it or not, according to Berlin.

“I don’t believe it’s Mr. Hoffa. I don’t know what it is,” Berlin said. “It’s still a crime scene until we get verification from the anthropologist that there are no human remains present.”

“We received credible information that a crime may have occurred. We’re not doing anything we wouldn’t

have done on any other case. That shed did not exist at the time this allegedly occurred. The prior outbuilding that was there did not have a concrete floor.”

The city of Roseville would pay for her driveway if it’s ripped up, Szpunar said.

A recent radar test revealed a shift in the soil, which also prompted Friday’s drilling. Berlin said the house may have been owned in the 1970s by a gambler with ties to organized crime.

Hoffa was an acquaintance of mobsters and adversary to federal officials. He spent time in prison for jury tampering. He was last seen July 30, 1975, outside a restaurant in Oakland County, more than 30 miles to the west.

Gunman fired day of Minn. office shooting

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A man fired from his job at a Minneapolis sign-making business pulled out a handgun and began shooting up its offices, fatally wounding the owner and four others before turning the gun on himself, police said Friday.

Andrew Engeldinger, 36, injured at least three others in the attack Thursday at Accent Signage Systems.

Police Chief Tim Dolan said the attack lasted no more than 10 or 15 min-

utes, and said Engeldinger may have chosen to spare some former co-workers.

“It’s clear he did walk by some people, very clear,” Dolan said.

Police gave no details about why Engeldinger was fired. The company has declined to give any information since the attack.

Investigators who searched Engeldinger’s house Thursday night in south Minneapolis found another gun and packaging for 10,000 rounds of ammunition in the house.

LOTTERIES

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— The Associated Press

Electoral college math: All votes not equal

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — When it comes to electing the president, not all votes are created equal. And chances are yours will count less than those of a select few.

For example, the vote of Dave Smith in Sheridan, Wyo., counts almost three-and-a-half times as much mathematically as those of his wife’s aunts in northeastern Ohio.

Why? Electoral College math.

A statistical analysis of the state-by-state voting-eligible population by The Associated Press shows that Wyoming has 139,000 eligible voters – those 18 and over, U.S. citizens and non-felons – for every presidential elector chosen in the state. In Ohio, it’s almost 476,000 per elector, and it’s nearly 478,000 in neighboring Pennsylvania.

But there’s mathematical weight and then there’s the reality of political power in a system where the president is decided not by the national popular vote but by an 18th century political compromise: the Electoral College.

Smith figures his vote in solid Republican Wyoming really doesn’t count that much because it’s a sure Mitt Romney state. The same could be said for ballots cast in solid Democratic states like New York or Vermont. In Ohio, one of the biggest battleground states, Smith’s relatives are bombarded with political ads. In Wyoming, Smith says, “The candidates don’t care about my vote because we only see election commercials from out-of-state TV stations.”

The nine battleground states where Romney and Barack Obama are spending a lot of time and money – Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Colorado, New Hampshire, Iowa, Nevada, North Carolina and Wisconsin – have 44.1 million people eligible to vote. That’s only 20.7 percent of the nation’s 212.6 million eligible voters. So nearly four of five eligible voters are pretty much being ignored by the two campaigns.

When you combine voter-to-electoral comparisons and battleground state populations, there are clear winners and losers in the upcoming election.

More than half the nation’s eligible voters live in states that are losers in both categories. Their states are not closely contested and have above-average ratios of voters to electors. This is true for people in 14 states with 51 percent of the nation’s eligible voters: California, New York, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Georgia, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Indiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Maryland, Louisiana and Kentucky. Their votes count the least.

The biggest winners in the system, those whose votes count the most, live in just four states: Colorado, New Hampshire, Iowa and Nevada.

They have low voter-to-electoral ratios and are in battleground states. Only 4 percent of the nation’s eligible voters – 1 in 25 – live in those states.

It’s all dictated by the U.S. Constitution, which set up the Electoral College. The number of electors each state gets depends on the size of its congressional delegation. Even the least populated states – like Wyoming – get a minimum of three, meaning more crowded states get less proportionally.

If the nation’s Electoral



Capitol Hill Pages carry a box of the Electoral College votes to the House Chamber to be certified in 2009.

Why there is an Electoral College and how it works

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidents are elected not by national popular vote but by an 18th century constitutional compromise called the Electoral College.

How it formed

When framers were drafting the U.S. Constitution, there were two competing ideas on how to elect the president. One group said Congress should do it; the other said it should be a national vote of eligible citizens.

There also were disputes over how much slaves should count in representation in Congress and over how power would be distributed between small and large states.

The compromise became part of the second article of the Constitution, although the words “Electoral College” are not included. The electors pick the president and vice president.

Vote totals

Each state gets one electoral vote for each of its representatives in the House and Senate. The District of Columbia gets three votes. All told, there are 538 votes in the Electoral College. A candidate must have at least 270 to win.

Except for Maine and Nebraska, states award all their electoral votes to the candidate who wins the state. In Maine and Nebraska, votes are apportioned by congressional districts. So in 2008, even though John McCain won Nebraska’s statewide popular vote, Barack Obama won the 2nd Congressional District and earned one of the state’s five electoral votes.

How it works

Each state’s electors will meet on Dec. 17 in their home states and cast their votes for president and vice president. Congress will meet on Jan. 6,

2013, to conduct an official tally of the electoral votes. Vice President Joe Biden will preside and declare the winner.

Problem areas

If no candidate gets at least 270 electoral votes, the election goes to the newly elected House of Representatives. Each state delegation in the House gets one vote, and a candidate must win a majority of the states to be elected president. This happened in 1824, when Andrew Jackson won the most popular votes and the most electoral votes, but four candidates split the electoral votes and no one received a majority. The race went to the House and John Quincy Adams, who came in second, was chosen as president.

Three other times, candidates won the Electoral College even though they lost the popular vote – in 1876, 1888, and 2000.

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A WWII era T-6 Texan releases smoke as it makes a fly-by at the Watervliet Airport Sunday, October 3, 2010. Approximately 25 WWII era aircraft, including the Texans and Stearman biplanes, made a stop in Watervliet during the WWII Warbird Fly-In, sponsored by the airport and the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 585 in Watervliet.

Big old ‘birds’ to visit again

On Oct. 7
Watervliet Airport
will again host WW
II-vintage airplanes

By SCOTT AIKEN
H-P Staff Writer

WATERVLIET — The public can see World War II-vintage aircraft in operation Oct. 7 at the Watervliet Airport warbird fly-in.

The event on that Sunday will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The aircraft are scheduled to arrive before noon.

About 30 planes are expected for the fly-in, including Stearman biplanes and AT-6 Texan trainers. This is the event's third year.

Making its second appearance at the fly-in will be a rare operational F4U Corsair. The Corsair is a fighter that was flown extensively by Marine Corps and Navy pilots in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Although more than 12,000 were built, only about seven remaining are flown in the United States, said Al Hartline, who helps organize the fly-in.

An official attendance count is not kept, but Hartline estimated that 1,000 to 1,500 people attended last year.

The event is free, but a



The 2010 appearance of the warbirds in Watervliet attracted hundreds of people who came to get a close look at the actual planes used to train American and allied pilots during WWII. In the far back of this photo are T-6 Texans, and in the foreground are Stearman biplanes.

donation of \$1 will be requested for parking. The money will go to the Civil Air Patrol cadets, who handle parking.

Sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs will be available during the fly-in.

The event is sponsored by the airport, which is on Airport Road off M-140 about 1 1/2 miles north of I-94 Exit 41, and the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 585, Watervliet.

The airport has a grass runway, and heavy rain on the day of the fly-in could interfere with the event.

A group of T-6 pilots have flown in their aircraft the past two years and are expected for the Oct. 7 fly-in.

The T-6, built by North American Aviation, was widely used by the Army

Air Force and Navy for advanced pilot training in the World War II era. The open-cockpit Stearman biplane was a primary trainer for American military pilots in the 1930s and 1940s.

After World War II, thousands remained in flying condition, and many have been maintained and upgraded by private pilots.

IN BRIEF

Fideland Fun Park
burglarized, damaged

SOUTH HAVEN — Someone broke into Fideland Fun Park amusement center east of the city, stole various items and extensively damaged video arcades, pinball machines and other pay-to-play machines, police said.

The intruder or intruders also damaged display and show cases where items for sale were kept. The total loss was estimated at more than \$10,000.

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Department said the break-in happened probably Thursday night or early Friday morning. Fideland is in Geneva Township along County Road 388 (Phoenix Road).

A press release said entry was gained by breaking through a window, which damaged the exterior.

Anyone with information on the break-in is asked to contact the sheriff's office at 657-3101, or Silent Observer at 343-2100 or 866-774 2345.

Monday webinar on
Palisades plant

The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission will host a webinar from 2-3 p.m. Monday for people who want to follow an NRC meeting regarding the Palisades nuclear power plant in Covert Township.

The meeting, which will take place in Lisle, Ill., concerns an inspection related to a control rod drive mechanism leak that occurred at the nuclear plant the over the summer.

Participants can view a slide presentation prepared by NRC staff and submit questions in writing on the

Internet. To take part, register at <https://www2.go.to/meeting.com/register/977718426>.

Tuesday talk involves
3 political parties

SOUTH HAVEN — A panel discussion with representatives of the Green, Libertarian and U.S. Taxpayers parties will be held at Lake Michigan College in South Haven from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, organizers said. The event is sponsored by the South Haven Area Diversity Coalition.

People attending will be able to ask questions.

Dowagiac slates
harvest festival

DOWAGIAC — Downtown Dowagiac will celebrate autumn with its annual Under the Harvest Moon celebration Oct. 13,

organizers announced.

Dowagiac's autumn event on that Saturday will feature a display of vintage farm tractors, an open-air marketplace of antiques, fall produce, Michigan handmade products, food, entertainment, contests and family events. It will be hosted by the Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce.

Among the contests are pumpkin carving and scarecrow costumes.

Vendors can make booth arrangements by calling the chamber at 782-8212. Booth rental is \$20 for an approximately 10-foot booth. Owners of vintage farm equipment can display items for free. However, they are encouraged to register with the Chamber at 782-8212.

A full schedule of events is available at www.DowagiacChamber.com or by calling 782-8212.

BANGOR

Cops seek alleged
cow-swapper

Kenneth Ventresca may have headed to S. Carolina. Police say he also abandoned a variety of animals.

By ANDREW LERSTEN
H-P South Haven Bureau

BANGOR — Van Buren County Sheriff Dale Gribler is asking the public for help in tracking down Kenneth Ventresca, 26, formerly of Bangor Township, who has a felony warrant out for his arrest, Gribler said Friday.

Ventresca is charged with felony larceny by conversion for allegedly trading and selling three cows owned by Lee Arboreal of Arlington Township.

He allegedly traded two of the cows he was boarding for an all-terrain vehicle and sold the other cow at an auction in Indiana. The cows, valued at \$2,245, were butchered before Arbo-

real and police figured out what happened.

Police believe Ventresca has left the state and may have moved to South Carolina.

An additional charge of animal abandonment has been added to the warrant, because the sheriff said Ventresca left behind numerous animals — including a horse, chickens, kittens, cats and guinea hens — at the farm he rented on 55 1/2 Street.

The animals were left without food or water, the sheriff said.

The landlord told police that Ventresca came to him this week and dropped off the house keys and said he was leaving the state. Neighbors helped police in capturing the animals and caring for them.

Anyone with possibly helpful information in finding Ventresca is urged to call either the sheriff's department at 657-3101, Silent Observer at 343-2100 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-342-7867.

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HARTFORD

Hartford patches
its sidewalks

Work expected to be finished by end of next week; cost of project is \$9,460

By ANDREW LERSTEN
H-P South Haven Bureau

HARTFORD — Sidewalks throughout the city are getting patched.

The work started this week and is expected to be completed at the end of next week, City Manager Yemi Akinwale told the City Commission Monday night.

Banic Construction, Bangor, was the low bidder for the work, at \$9,460.

Akinwale noted that the city's Downtown Development Authority will fund the sidewalk work that is within its boundaries.

In other matters, the commission this week voted to accept the city's 2011-12 fiscal year audit as presented by Gerbel & Company, St. Joseph.

Commissioner Rick Hall noted that the city has a very healthy fund reserve, equal to more than one year's worth of revenues.

Akinwale announced that two new stores will be opening soon downtown in adjoining spaces at 1 West Main St.

They will both sell general merchandise and will have the same owner, he said.

It's not certain yet when they will be open, he added. The store's space has been vacant for about five years.

The last occupant was raising exotic birds in the commercial space, he added.

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LANSING

Partial fix for
water, sewer woes?

Pscholka bill aims to create revolving loan program for municipalities

By H-P STAFF

LANSING — Legislation pending in the Michigan House would create a grant and revolving loan program to help communities improve water and sewer systems and other infrastructure.

A bill introduced by Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville, is part of a package that would use \$654 million in available bond funding to create the program for local governments.

Communities could

apply for grants to help in planning to improve water quality and sewage collecting and treatment systems and in pollution prevention efforts.

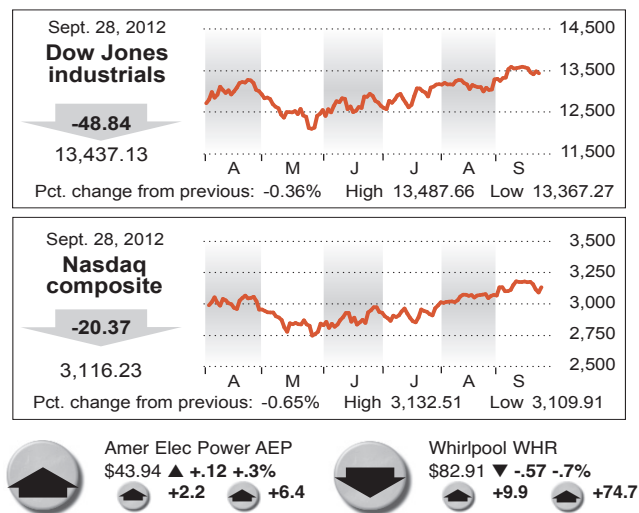
The package of bills was recently approved by the House Committee on Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs.

It has moved to the full House for consideration.

The bond funding was approved by voters in Proposal 2 of 2002 and has not been used, although the state continues to make bond payments, Pscholka said.

"Having this money rot in a bank account instead of putting it to its intended use is poor stewardship of taxpayer dollars and the public's interest," he said.

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AEP	AEP	35.85	44.84	43.94	+.12	+0.3	▼	▼	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	354.24	705.07	667.11	-14.22	-2.1	▼	▼	▲
AutoZone	AZO	307.16	399.10	369.67	-1.80	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	33.62	48.34	42.36	-.68	-1.6	▼	▼	▲
BonTon	BONT	2.23	14.99	9.50	-.11	-1.1	▼	▼	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	18.62	24.98	23.55	+.17	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
ChemFinl	CHFC	14.60	24.96	24.20	-.23	-0.9	▼	▲	▲
CocaCola s	KO	31.67	41.25	37.93	-.38	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	19.72	36.90	35.74	-.04	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
Deere	DE	59.92	89.70	82.47	+.37	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	28.19	53.40	52.28	-.30	-0.6	▼	▼	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	69.21	92.57	91.45	-.35	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
FamilyDlr	FDO	49.17	74.73	66.30	+.81	+1.2	▲	▲	▼
FifthThird	FITB	9.60	15.95	15.51	+.02	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	19.91	26.79	22.27	-.38	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
FlagstBcp	FBC	0.46	1.26	1.10	+.01	+0.9	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	8.82	13.05	9.86	-.16	-1.6	▼	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	14.02	22.86	22.71	-.02	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
Google	GOOG	480.60	764.89	754.50	-2.00	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	31.03	60.58	60.37	+.49	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp s	HBNC	16.17	28.85	28.58	+.08	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
HuntBnch	HBAN	4.52	7.24	6.90	-.01	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	29.29	44.14	41.77	-.15	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
IntegrysE	TEG	45.75	61.92	52.20	-.07	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	168.88	210.69	207.45	+1.54	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	27.85	46.49	40.48	-.20	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	60.83	69.75	68.91	-.10	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
JournalCm	JRN	2.69	5.85	5.20	-.03	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	18.55	32.29	30.24	-.02	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	83.74	102.22	91.75	-1.52	-1.6	▼	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	24.26	32.95	29.76	-.40	-1.3	▼	▼	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	16.03	23.54	19.44	+.25	+1.3	▲	▼	▲
Penney	JCP	19.06	43.18	24.29	-.16	-0.7	▼	▼	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	87.01	119.29	116.17	-.42	-0.4	▼	▲	▼
Pfizer	PFE	17.05	25.15	24.85	-.11	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	59.07	69.97	69.36	+.06	+0.1	▼	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RG	25.15	31.32	27.51	+.18	+0.7	▼	▼	▲
SearsHdgs	SHLD	28.89	85.90	55.49	-.87	-1.5	▼	▲	▼
Steelcse	SCS	5.62	10.50	9.85	+.21	+2.2	▲	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	44.55	57.15	55.66	-.15	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
Target	TGT	47.25	65.80	63.47	-.12	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	58.49	101.28	98.89	-1.02	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	61.27	81.79	71.57	-.45	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	35.17	46.41	45.57	-.19	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
WallMart	WMT	50.80	75.24	73.80	-.18	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
Walgrn	WAG	28.53	36.85	36.44	-.16	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	4.16	5.58	4.53	-.03	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
Whrpl	WHR	45.22	86.47	82.91	-.57	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
Worthgln	WOR	13.10	24.84	21.66	-.40	-1.8	▼	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	6.61	19.40	12.24	-.14	-1.1	▼	▼	▼

PRODUCE PRICES

The following prices were recorded Thursday at the Chicago Terminal Market and are reported by the St. Joseph office of the federal Market News Service.

These prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted.

APPLES – cartons tray pack Extra Fancy Red Delicious from Washington of 88s sold for \$36.50, while California Gala 88s sold for mostly \$39-\$40. Cartons of 12 3-lb. film bags from Michigan of U.S. Extra Fancy Golden Delicious 2 1/2 inch minimum sold from mostly \$31-\$32, while McIntosh 2 1/2 inch minimum sold lower for mostly \$27-\$28, and Jonathan 2 1/4 inch minimum sold for mostly \$31-\$32.

ASPARAGUS – 11-lb. cartons/crates bunched standard size green from Peru sold higher for mostly \$26.50-\$28.50, with white standard higher at mostly \$17.50-\$18.50.

BEANS – bushel crates of machine-picked round green type offerings from Michigan sold lower for mostly \$15-\$16.

BERRIES – Blueberries in flats of 12 6-oz. cups with lids from Canada medium-large size sold higher from \$26-\$28. Strawberries from California in flats of 8 1-lb. containers with lids medium-large size sold lower for mostly \$11-\$12.

BROCCOLI – cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from mostly \$14-\$15.

CABBAGE – 50-lb. cartons of green medium size from Wisconsin sold for \$12-\$13, with red offerings from Wisconsin at \$16-\$18.

CAULIFLOWER – cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold lower for mostly \$13-\$15.

CORN – wire bound crates of 4-4 1/2 dozen ears from Wisconsin of yellow and bi-color sold for mostly \$12-\$13.

CUCUMBERS – 1-1/9 bushel cartons

of supers from Michigan sold higher for mostly \$16-\$18, with fair quality at \$14, large at \$10-\$12, and cartons 24s for mostly \$8-\$9. 1 1/9 bushel crates of 200-300 size Pickles from New Jersey sold higher for \$31.

EGGPLANT – 1-1/9 bushel cartons of wrapped medium from Michigan sold for mostly \$15-\$16, with choice at \$9-\$10.

LETTUCE – cartons film lined of 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower for mostly \$15-\$17.

PEPPERS – 1-1/9 bushel cartons of jumbo green bell peppers from Michigan sold lower for \$12-\$14, with extra large for mostly \$12. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Michigan sold lower for \$14-\$15, while medium Hungarian wax type sold lower for \$18.

PUMPKINS – Half bushel cartons from Michigan of miniature round type small size sold for \$19, with pie type medium size at \$19, while 36 inch bins of Howden type large, medium and small size all brought \$140 per bin.

SQUASH – 1/2 bushel cartons of small size zucchini from Michigan sold higher for \$18, with medium also at \$18. Yellow Straightneck small size from Illinois sold for \$15, with medium size for \$13. 1 1/9 bushel cartons/crates from Michigan of medium size Acorn sold for \$15-\$16, with medium size Butternut from mostly \$15-\$16, while medium size Spaghetti brought \$15-\$16.

TOMATOES – 25-lb. cartons 85 percent U.S. One or better mature greens from California of red 5x6 and 6x6 size sold for \$12-\$13. Cartons two-layer vine ripers from Michigan light red-red 4x4s and 4x5s sold lower for \$15. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of grape tomatoes light red-red from Michigan medium size sold for \$14-\$15, red cherry type from Michigan sold for \$13-\$14, while plum tomatoes packed in 25-lb. cartons loose from Mexico extra large size sold lower for mostly \$16, with large size at \$14-\$15.

LOCAL GRAIN

LaPorte County Co-Op, Buchanan	
September Corn	\$7.46 up 22¢
New Crop Corn	\$7.59 up 32¢

September Soybeans	\$15.61 down 10¢
New Crop Soybeans	\$15.63 down 9¢
These are the markets as of this morning before the opening of the Board of Trade.	

Judge strikes trade rule

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge struck down a rule adopted under the 2010 financial overhaul that seeks to limit speculative trading of commodities futures.

The judge said the Commodity Futures Trading Commission failed to show that trading caps

were necessary.

He sent the rule back to the regulatory agency to be redrafted.

The International Swaps and Derivatives Association, a group representing banks and other financial firms, had challenged the rule in the U.S. District Court in Washington.

Apple CEO apologizes for error-ridden new map app

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Apple CEO Tim Cook apologized Friday for the company's error-ridden new mobile mapping service and pledged to improve the application installed on tens of millions of smartphones. In an unusual mea culpa, he invited frustrated consumers to turn to the competition.

Cook said Apple “fell short” of its own expectations.

“Everything we do at Apple is aimed at making our products the best in the world. We know that you expect that from us, and we will keep working nonstop until Maps lives up to the same incredibly high standard,” he said in a letter posted online.

Apple released an update to its iPhone and iPad operating system last week that replaced Google Maps with Apple's own map application. But users quickly complained that the new software offered fewer details, lacked public transit directions and misplaced landmarks, among other problems.

People have been flocking to social media to complain and make fun of the app's glitches, which include judging landscape features by their names. The hulking Madison Square Garden arena in New York, for instance, shows up as green park space because of the word “garden.”

Until the software is improved, Cook recommended that people use competing map applications to get around – a rare move for the world's most valuable company, which prides itself on producing industry-leading gadgets that easily surpass rivals.

Apple has made missteps



Eric Risberg / AP

Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during an introduction of the new iPhone 5 in San Francisco. Cook says the company is “extremely sorry” for the frustration that its maps application has caused, and it's doing everything it can to make it better. Cook said in a letter posted online Friday that Apple “fell short” in its commitment to make the best possible products for its customers.

in the past – even under founder and CEO Steve Jobs, whose dogged perfectionism was legendary.

“I think they are clearing the air and, more importantly, clarifying why they had to do their own maps,” said Tim Bajarin, a Creative Strategies analyst who's followed Apple for more than three decades.

He recalled an infamous problem with the iPhone 4's antenna that interfered with reception when people covered a certain spot with a bare hand.

Jobs apologized, though he denied there was an antenna problem that needed fixing. Apple quickly recovered.

But Cook's remarks went further, saying the company was “extremely sorry” and promising to make swift changes.

Contrast that with Jobs' statement from 2010, when he said the antenna issue

had been “blown so out of proportion that it's incredible.”

Still, Jobs also acknowledged that Apple was “stunned and upset and embarrassed.” But he insisted the antenna issue was not widespread and only a small number of users complained to Apple's warranty service.

On Friday, Cook said the new version of the mapping app was designed to give users the features they've been asking for. It includes turn-by-turn directions, voice integration and a 3-D flyover feature.

Google's map application for the iPhone did not give turn-by-turn directions or voice-guided navigation, although its version for Android devices does.

Google, Bajarin said, wouldn't license the turn-by-turn feature to Apple because Google prefers to give devices running its

own Android software an advantage over the iPhone and iPad. Maps and navigation are among the most-used features of smartphones.

Cook said Apple's maps will get better as more people use the app and provide feedback.

That's true for all digital maps. Google's system wasn't perfect when it launched, but it got better over the years as users pointed out mistakes and helped the company collect its vast trove of data.

“Ultimately, what (Apple) discovered early on is that Google had access to 100 million iOS users who helped them build the Google Maps database, Bajarin said. “At some point Apple had to put its foot down.”

It came time, he explained, for Apple to own the users of its mapping service, not Google.

Bank of America takes \$2.43 billion hit in Merrill Lynch lawsuit

BY ANDREW DUNN
The Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The multi-billion-dollar settlement Bank of America announced Friday would resolve one of the most dramatic lawsuits to engulf the Charlotte bank after the financial crisis. It also will likely help propel the bank to a significant third-quarter loss.

The bank said Friday that it has agreed to pay \$2.43 billion to settle a shareholder suit alleging the bank misled investors about the cost of acquiring Merrill Lynch.

“Resolving this litigation removes uncertainty and risk and is in the best interests of our shareholders,” CEO Brian Moynihan said in a statement. “As we work to put these long-standing issues behind us, our primary focus is on the future and serving our customers and clients.”

The lawsuit, which also named then-CEO Ken Lewis and then-Chief Financial Officer Joe Price, came after Bank of America acknowledged ballooning losses at Merrill Lynch just months after the bank announced it would acquire the investment bank in a \$50 billion deal.

The suit alleged that Lewis and other officers withheld information about the losses from shareholders before they voted on the deal.

The settlement – the largest of its kind, according to lawyers involved – must still be approved by a federal judge in New York. The money would mainly flow to pension funds that brought the suit, including the teachers' and public employees' retirement funds in

Ohio, and their attorneys.

“Not only did we accomplish an excellent financial recovery, but other companies will look at the result here and think twice about not fully disclosing all necessary information to their shareholders,” Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine said in a statement.

Bank of America announced it would acquire Merrill Lynch in September 2008. At the time, it projected no losses for Merrill in the current quarter, and told shareholders the deal would break even within two years.

As the financial crisis unfolded, extreme market vol-

atility helped sap the investment bank's liquidity.

Bank of America executives discussed mounting losses through November, and by Dec. 3, Lewis was aware of a potential \$16 billion in

losses, the lawsuit stated.

Bank executives did not tell shareholders about the losses at the Dec. 5 meeting to approve the deal. They were disclosed about a month later.

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hp HOME & GARDEN

Questions and answers with Emelee

Q: When in the best time to plant tulip bulbs? – Mary Lou Becht

A: Last week, I wrote about bulbs in the spring landscape and several favorites of mine. The best time to plant is during the fall months. Specifically, it is best to plant at least a month before the ground freezes.

Some gardeners prefer to plant tulips and other bulbs when it is raining. I have done this several times and there is something relaxing about planting in the rain. And, once planted, bulbs should be watered well anyway.

Q: I planted a 4-foot Alberta Spruce tree last fall. ... It seemed to do well all through the winter months and early spring. Around the Fourth of July, I noticed that at the very top, the needles were turning brown. I called the garden center where I bought it. They recommended a spray for mites, which we bought and used according to the directions. The brown needles continued to spread and now about half of the tree is brown. ... I hope you can help me save it! – Sarah Hogue

A: With the warm temperatures this summer, there was a great deal of spider mite pressure in the landscape. Alberta Spruces are very susceptible to spider mites. I have several Alberta Spruce and they do take on a brownish cast to the needles when the spider mites are active.

I am not sure about the diagnosis of spider mites – I am leaning more towards drought stress coupled with transplant shock. You didn't mention how you cared for the tree during the late spring and summer months, when there was a lack of rainfall for most of the area.

A stressed tree can be susceptible to pressure from insects and disease. My recommendation is to examine closely the needles on the still-green areas of the tree. If you see small yellow spots on the needles and the possibly webbing, that is a sign of spider mites.

With over half of the tree now showing signs of stress or pest pressure, my advice is to make certain to keep it watered well. In early spring, the use of a slow release fertilizer may also be a good idea.

Tropical migration

Last week, temperatures dropped into the lower 40s and in some areas, dropped into the upper 30s. Many tropical plants usually do not do well with temperatures below 50 degrees.

Now is the time, if you have not done so already, to begin acclimating tropical plants to indoor conditions. Moving the plants to a protected area, such as an enclosed porch, is recommended.

It is best to closely inspect plants prior to moving them for plant hitchhikers such as insects and small animals. Keep the plants in quarantine away from other houseplants for a couple of weeks and closely inspect prior to moving them into their winter location.

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Home Grown

Mom-and-pop decor companies carve out niches

By JENNIFER FORKER
For The Associated Press

For small, mom-and-pop shops that produce goods for the home but don't have big advertising budgets, the Internet helps level the playing field, bringing customers who are looking for something different.

Many small design shops rely on word of mouth, or websites like Fab, which feature smaller collections.

"I don't think the old models of distribution are the only ways to play anymore," said Tracey Reinberg, whose year-and-a-half-old company, Kismet Tile, provides Moroccan-made cement tiles. She works directly with customers, she said, instead of trying to get showrooms to carry her goods.

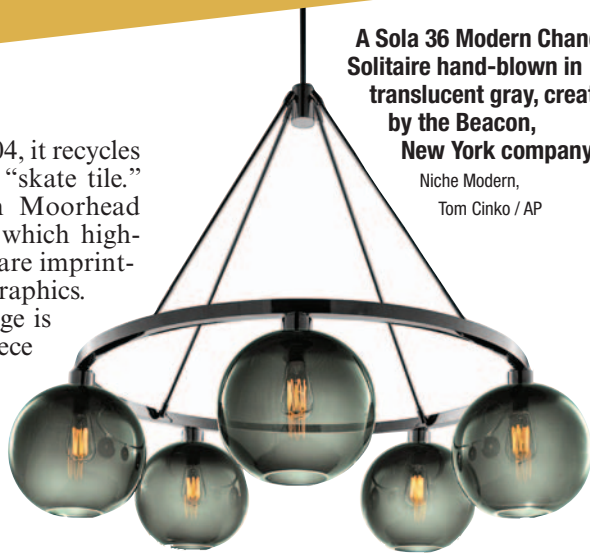
More traditional methods also help get the word out: Vahallan Papers, a purveyor of hand-painted wallpaper based in Lincoln, Neb., swears by trade shows.

"We usually go to the same trade shows that (the big companies) go to," said owner Dan Nelson. "As long as we have a great product to show, we can compete."

Here's just a small sampling, culled from the Fab design realm and elsewhere, of the variety of small startups carving out niches:

Art of Board: Launched in 2004, it recycles colorful skateboard decks into "skate tile." Owners Bruce Boul and Rich Moorhead also make a ceramic tile onto which high-resolution images of skate tiles are imprinted, and peel-and-stick wall graphics. "Every scratch, scrape and gouge is kept intact, making each piece unique and just as original as the skaters who destroyed these decks," Moorhead said. The partners also launched a skate-deck recycling effort – I Ride I Recycle – to get broken decks into their hands and out of landfills. (www.artofboard.com, www.irideirecycle.com)

Housefish: Scott Bennett is the mad scientist behind this Denver furniture company, launched in 2008, that offers storage and shelving pieces with a nod toward the automotive industry. A former IndyCar designer, Bennett automated the manufacture of his furniture to keep costs down. Housefish furniture is made from birch-and-alder plywood and finished with non-toxic, zero-VOC paint. "Housefish is my experiment in using American, high-tech manufacturing to produce innovative, environmentally responsible furniture," said Bennett. (www.housefish.com)



A Sola 36 Modern Chandelier Solitaire hand-blown in translucent gray, created by the Beacon, New York company.
Niche Modern,
Tom Cinko / AP

Kismet Tile: Reinberg founded this cement tile company in 2010, inspired by the Spanish-revival architecture of her San Antonio, Texas, childhood. "I had always loved the material," said the longtime designer of textiles and wall coverings. The company offers dozens of designs and color combinations, and recently expanded into small runs of digitally printed, metallic wallpaper. Reinberg's next step: creating a line of ceramic tiles. (www.kismettile.com)

Niche Modern: Husband-and-wife team Jeremy Pyles and Mary Welch began this company in 2005 after failing to find simple yet elegant lighting fixtures. At first, they commissioned their own pendants with a Brooklyn glass blower. Today, they have their own art glass studio in Beacon, N.Y., where pendant lights and chandeliers are hand-blown in warm, translucent grays and ambers. "Each piece of glass is handcrafted, furnaces roaring, then lovingly assembled into a full fixture before shipping," said Mary Welch. (www.nichemodern.com)

Spoonflower: Started in 2008, this Durham, N.C., company makes it possible for designers and DIYers to design and print their own fabrics for window treatments and home accessories such as pillows. Spoonflower uses non-toxic ink to digitally print on 10 types of fabric. Customers can create original designs or choose from an inventory of more than 100,000. Owner Stephen Fraser said Spoonflower also will soon be able to print eco-friendly – and removable – wallpaper. "All along the novelty of Spoonflower has been the novelty of making customization available to regular people," said Fraser. (www.spoonflower.com)

Vahallan Papers: Two friends launched this hand-painted wallpaper company in a garage 15 years ago. "I will never forget making paper in the winter and having to go inside between (finishing) sheets of paper and having to run our hands under warm water to get the feeling back," said Nelson. The product line is sold through interior designers and at wallpaper retail stores. "When I say 'hand painted,' I truly mean it," Nelson said. "We use our fingers to do almost all of our painting." (www.vahallan.com)



A sink backsplash made with "skate tile," and hand cut from recycled skate decks in Los Angeles.
Art of Board, Tara Wujcik / AP

Book brings 'cool design' to first apartments

As if creating a space you love weren't hard enough, try adding the challenges of tiny rooms, limited funds and elements you're stuck with, like ugly bathroom tile and worn kitchen cabinets.

Welcome to decorating your first apartment.

Kyle Schuneman has your back. Schuneman, the 27-year-old founder of Live Well Designs and one of House Beautiful's "Next Wave of Top 20 Designers," helps renters decorate their first digs in "The First Apartment Book: Cool Design for Small Spaces."

Schuneman puts his inventiveness and artistic eye to work on 10 apartments, including his own. He shares floor plans, tips and creative ideas for turn-

ing compact quarters into functional, comfortable living spaces, using fresh designs that play off the tenants' personalities and the vibe of the cities where they live.

"The First Apartment Book" is published by Clarkson Potter and sells for \$24.99 in softcover.

What's new: Detector screens out nuisance alarms

A new smoke and fire alarm promises to screen out nuisance alarms caused by sources such as cooking smoke and steam from the shower.

The IoPhic alarm from Universal Security Instruments Inc. quickly detects fast-flaming and smoldering fires and uses smart technology to distinguish them from nonthreatening sources, the company says. That makes it less likely that someone would disable the device because of annoying false alarms and

leave a home unprotected.

The alarm is available in both battery-operated and hard-wired versions.

The alarm is available at www.universalsecurity.com and www.homedepot.com. Prices start at \$19.96 on the Home Depot website and \$24.99 on the Universal site.

Composting cat litter complex

Q: Can I compost my cat litter?

A: Composting pet waste is possible, but doing so safely at home is complicated and time-consuming, said Fred Michel, an associate professor of biosystems engineering and a composting specialist at Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

Cat and dog waste contain pathogens that can harm humans – in dogs, large roundworms; in cats, the organism that causes

toxoplasmosis, a disease linked to birth defects. In a typical home compost pile, it can take up to a year of active decomposition to kill those pathogens, Michel said. And that doesn't include winter, when composition slows or even stops.

To make sure those pathogens are eliminated, you can't add any fresh animal waste to the compost pile during that decomposition time, Michel said. That means you'd need to maintain multiple piles, one that you add to regularly and another one or more piles that are maturing.

You also need to be careful about the kind of cat litter you choose. Most litters are made of clay, sand or crystalline-based materials, which can't be used in compost piles, he said. Only litters made from biodegradable sources can be composted, such as sawdust, pine or recycled paper.

Michel said another complication is that animal waste by itself will compost poorly, with a bad odor and a poor structure. He said animal waste should make up no more than 10 percent of the compost pile, with the rest comprising other organic matter such as leaves, food waste, brush and finished compost. Many homeowners wouldn't have enough of the other organic materials to mix with the animal waste, he said.

Even with all those precautions, he suggested using compost containing pet waste only on ornamental plants or grass, not on food crops.

Have a question about home maintenance, decorating or gardening? Akron Beacon Journal home writer Mary Beth Breckenridge will find answers for the queries that are chosen to appear in the paper. To submit a question, call her at 330-996-3756, or send email to mbreckenthebeaconjournal.com. Be sure to include your full name, your town and your phone number or email address.

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QUOTE FILE

What people are saying in Southwest Michigan

“Politics should not trump truth. I don’t believe public opinion should rule.”

– CHARLES COLLINS
Recently fired as member of the Berrien County Road Commission. Collins said the county board did not follow legal procedures in firing he and Larry Merritt

“Never give children scissors.”

– SAM ABDELNOUR
Whirlpool executive, at the opening of the Fetti Clubhouse, part of the Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor. Abdelnour was joking after a child prematurely cut the ribbon at a ceremony

“We sold everything, and we’re the only county our size that does that.”

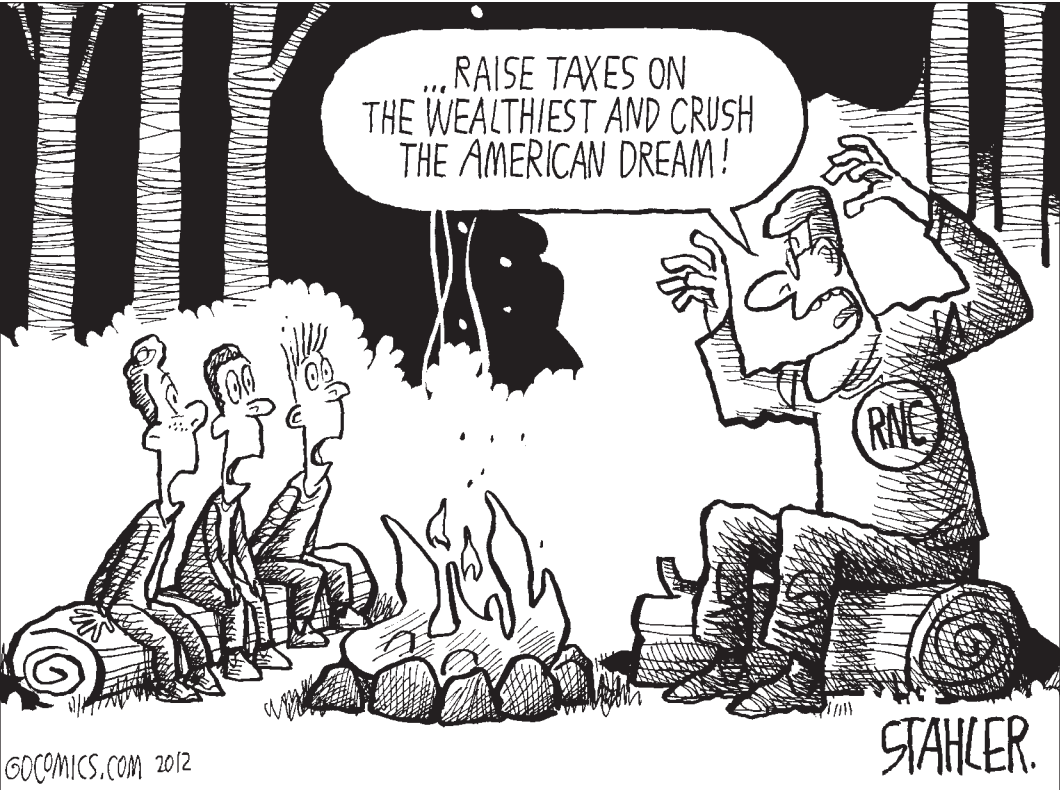
– BRET WITKOWSKI
Berrien County treasurer, commenting after the county sold off 72 tax-foreclosed properties

“We believe the settlement is in the best interests of the city and will allow the police department to transition into a new chapter of leadership.”

– TOM MARTIN
South Haven police chief, after the city settled lawsuits with 3 female officers who say there were subject to a hostile work environment under a prior police chief

“We’re going to take some of the advice that we’ve been given by our residents. We’re going to see how we can fund some of our capital needs and move on.”

– DICK STAUFFER
Lincoln Township supervisor, after the township board decided against raising taxes for the fire department



LETTERS

It’s time for America to reclaim the absolute truth

Editor,
Is there really such a thing as truth? And if there is such a thing as truth, what’s the big freaking deal? Isn’t it enough that I live in the land of the free as a law-abiding citizen adhering to the truths set forth by our government, our society, our culture?

In this election year, I feel compelled to make an appeal to anyone in search for truth, more specifically – absolute truth! That’s right, plain old, unadulterated absolute truth – again, is there really such a thing? Well, let’s attempt to make some sense of this sort of truth, by first explaining its counter opposite: relativism. In a word, relativism says this: my truth is “a,” your truth is “b.” Or, “You believe what you want to believe; I’ll believe what I want to believe – we are both right.”

I think this sort of thought process begs the question: What if both “a” and “b” contradict one another in some way; what then? Can you have two contradictory truths exist at the same time? Logic 101 informs me you can’t. Consider this line of thinking: The truth is there is no such thing as absolute truth! By claiming there is no absolute truth, you have just stated an “absolute truth” that truth doesn’t exist – this is a contradiction, is it not? I wonder, What would God have to say about all this?

Christians (and some other religious groups) are often accused of being absolutist in their thinking and dogmatic beliefs, but is not one making an absolute statement by saying, “the-truth-is-there-is-no-truth”? An absolute numerical truth would be 2+2 = 4, not 5, no matter how you or I feel about it. The same holds for what is true or false, good or evil. Absolute truth is a constant. It can never change under any circumstances. The Ten Commandments are examples of absolute moral truths for all peoples for all times.

Once upon a time, Ameri-

can culture abided by God’s laws and commandments as absolute truths, even in the public forum. Over time, however, throughout the 20th century, God’s Absolute Truth gave way to many relative truths during the past 50 years or so – simply because we wanted to live as we wish, even if it meant going against God’s revealed truths. This gradual erosion of truth-living happened right under our noses, without us ever even realizing it.

When you put a frog in boiling water, it will jump out. However, if you put a frog in tepid/lukewarm water and gradually rise the temperature, the frog will boil to death. It appears the same happened to us over time – it appears we have lost our moral compass as a nation; our sense of truth and falsehood, of good and evil.

My opinion is this: I believe it is that time in our history we reclaim absolute truths set forth by God, and lose the relativistic mindset in America before we ourselves slowly boil to death.

Peter A. Drabbant
St. Joseph

Romney/Ryan have right idea on entitlements

Editor,
Like many others who have swallowed the Obama campaign propaganda, letter writer Ed Shaffer of Galien does not have his facts straight.

The Romney/Ryan proposals on Social Security and Medicare reform will NOT affect anyone who is now receiving those benefits, and also anyone now 55 or older. Also, those younger than 55 would have the option to sign up for the present benefits, or chose a combination of the present benefits and a investment portfolio. But if something isn’t done with these benefits, they will dry up and fly away.

Now, in regard to Obamacare saving Medicare, let’s look at the facts. Does Mr. Shaffer realize that Obamac-

are will be taking approximately \$716 billion out of the Medicare trusts to put into Obamacare? This will reduce Medicare payments to the providers (doctors, hospitals etc.).

And it is now becoming very difficult to find those providers who will accept Medicare patients, under the present payment assignments. Now with the cuts that the administration wants to impose, those providers will receive much less for their service, making it become much more difficult to find providers that will take those assignments. Thus the patients will have to pick up the difference in what Medicare and their supplemental insurance (that most folks purchase) pays, and what the providers will charge. If the patients do not have supplemental insurance, it will be more financially devastating.

Another note: Those people who are now on managed care PPO Medicare plans (i.e. HumanaChoice) – these plans will be eliminated under ObamaCare.

Romney and Ryan will not eliminate all of ObamaCare provisions, but will cut the costly taxes and individual mandates that will be imposed under ObamaCare.

If you believe President Obama’s promises on maintaining the integrity of Social Security and Medicare, give me a call, for I have a bridge in Breedsville that I will sell you very cheap!

Thomas M. Fry
Grand Junction

Obama is like those poor replacement refs

Editor,
Re-electing Barack Obama would make about as much sense as putting the temporary officials back to work in the NFL. In both cases we’ve already experienced what happens when people are put in jobs for which they are not qualified. Why would we send Obama back to Washington for another four years of blown calls?

Dennis Mally
Coloma

Mercy Otis Warren: A woman and a patriot

In the war of words over whether or not to ratify the U.S. Constitution, the two opposing sides – the Federalists, who supported ratification, and the Anti-Federalists, who did not – always used pen names when publishing articles arguing for or against ratification. They did this both because it was a common practice and to hide their true identities. We know today that “Publius,” the author of the pro-ratification Federalist Papers, was really Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and James Madison. We think “Brutus,” the most prolific Anti-Federalist author, was New York’s Robert Yates, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, but one who refused to sign the finished document.



Bruce Kauffmann
History Lesson

For Mercy Otis Warren, born this week in 1728, hiding her identity with the pen name “A Columbian Patriot” was even more important because in the 1780s women simply did not join the public policy debate. But Warren was a passionate patriot who had long spoken her mind through the printed word. In the run up to the American Revolution she had published several polemics and had written several plays criticizing Royal authority in America and warning the colonists about the growing assault on their rights and liberties that the British were undertaking.

Warren was also an Anti-Federalist. She disliked the Constitution almost as much as she disliked the British, and while many Anti-Federalists differed over whether to revise the proposed Constitution – and if so, how much – other Anti-Federalists, Warren among them, wanted to scrap the entire document and start over. Outraged that her home state of Massachusetts had voted to ratify the Constitution without demanding wholesale changes beforehand, Warren wrote her most famous pamphlet, Observations on the Constitution, in which she listed 15 objections to the Constitution. She hoped that Observations would at least convince the states still in the undecided camp, especially New York, to reject the Constitution outright, and more than 15,000 copies of her pamphlet were distributed throughout the state of New York.

It’s unknown what effect Warren’s pamphlet had on the eventual outcome in New York – by a very close vote New York ratified the Constitution and, like Massachusetts, included several amendments to the Constitution that it wanted the first Congress to consider once it was in session. But Warren’s pamphlet was taken seriously enough that the aforementioned John Jay, one of New York’s leading Federalists, was moved to write a response.

Mercy Warren may not deserve the title “Founding Mother,” but she went where few women had gone before. And in 1805, under her own name, she published History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution, one of the first histories of the revolution ever written, and certainly the first ever written by a woman.

Columnist Bruce G. Kauffmann lives in Alexandria, Va. His email is: bruce@historylessons.net

Republicans are in denial about key environmental issues

By the time he died last month, Russell Train was largely forgotten. Most Americans didn’t know that, as The New York Times’ obituary said, he helped shape “the world’s



Steve Chapman

first comprehensive program for scrubbing the skies and waters of pollution, ensuring the survival of ecologically significant plants and animals, and safeguarding citizens from exposure to toxic chemicals.”

Here’s the really surprising part: Train was a Republican. He served as the first chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality under one Republican president, Richard Nixon, and as the second head of the Environ-

mental Protection Agency under another, Gerald Ford. After that, he ran the U.S. affiliate of the World Wildlife Fund.

Back then, believe it or not, there was no conflict between being a Republican (or a conservative) and favoring environmental protection. Nixon signed the Clean Air Act of 1970, as well as the Endangered Species Act, which aimed at preventing the extinction of birds, animals and other living things.

“Clean air, clean water, open spaces – these should once again be the birthright of every American,” Nixon said unabashedly.

But today, “Republican environmentalist” is an oxymoron. During his presidential campaign, Newt Gingrich called for abolishing the EPA. Rick Santorum decried a “reign of environmental terror.” Michele Bachmann vowed

that in her administration, “the EPA will have doors locked and lights turned off.”

The 2012 party platform says federal agencies should “properly and correctly apply environmental laws and regulations, always in support of economic development, job creation, and American prosperity and leadership” – not, you will notice, safeguarding human health or protecting the planet.

In his convention speech, Mitt Romney got in line with GOP dogma. “President Obama promised to begin to slow the rise of the oceans and heal the planet,” he noted with a look of disbelief, evoking jeers and laughter. “My promise” – long pause – “is to help you and your family.” You and your family, after all, have nothing to gain from environmental protections. This radical shift has

come about only in recent years, precipitated in part by climate change. Faced with the specter of a planet heating up from the burning of fossil fuels, conservatives have taken refuge in obstinate denial. Their eagerness to latch onto any sliver of evidence casting doubt on the phenomenon makes it plain: Nothing can change their minds.

They no longer see the environment as a realm in which Republicans can and should offer tightly focused, science-based solutions that balance vital interests such as human health and economic growth. They see it as an arena where the only option is to dismantle regulations.

It was not always that way. President George H.W. Bush, who promised to be “the environmental president,” supported a revision of the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution, curb

acid rain and protect the ozone layer.

In 2008, John McCain proposed a cap-and-trade system to combat global warming, warning that “time is short and the dangers are great.” Today, no candidate taking that position could possibly be nominated.

William Reilly, who ran the EPA under the first President Bush, sounded despairing notes when I called him to ask about the shift in his party. As co-chair of the commission that investigated the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, he got no support from House Republicans when he testified on the need for better regulation of offshore drilling. “The level of vitriol was such that I was surprised,” Reilly said.

The public might not be. Environmental concerns are not the reason Romney is trailing in the polls, but

they’re not helping. A recent The Economist/YouGov poll found that on this issue, independent voters trust President Barack Obama over his challenger by a whopping margin of 49 percent to 19 percent.

Republicans once performed the valuable task of insisting that alleged environmental harms be proved, not merely assumed, and that solutions be market-friendly, carefully tailored and cost-effective. The give-and-take between them and Democrats yielded better remedies.

Today, they have only one response to any environmental concerns, which resembles what Mark Twain said about a cat that sits on a hot stove lid: “She will never sit down on a hot lid again – and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore.”

Steve Chapman is a columnist for The Chicago Tribune.

Experts: Mayans prophesized, but not end of world

MEXICO CITY (AP) — As the clock winds down to Dec. 21, experts on the Mayan calendar have been racing to convince people that the Mayas didn't predict an apocalypse for the end of this year.

Some experts are now saying the Mayas may indeed have made prophecies, just not about the end of the world.

Archaeologists, anthropologists and other experts met Friday in the southern Mexico city of Merida to discuss the implications of the Mayan Long Count calendar, which is made up of 394-year periods called baktuns.

Experts estimate the system starts counting at 3114 B.C., and will have run through 13 baktuns, or 5,125 years, around Dec. 21. Experts say 13 was a significant number for the Mayans, and the end of that cycle would be a milestone — but not an end.

Fears that the calendar does point to the end have circulated in recent years. People in that camp believe the Maya may have been privy to impending astronomical disasters that would coincide with 2012, ranging from explosive storms on the surface of the sun that could knock out power grids to a galactic alignment that could trigger a reversal in Earth's magnetic field.

Mexican government archaeologist Alfredo Barrera said Friday that the Mayas

did prophesize, but perhaps about more humdrum events like droughts or disease outbreaks.

"The Mayas did make prophecies, but not in a fatalistic sense, but rather about events that, in their cyclical conception of history, could be repeated in the future," said Barrera, of the National Institute of Anthropology and History.

Experts stressed that the ancient Mayas, whose "classic" culture of writing, astronomy and temple complexes flourished from A.D. 300 to 900, were extremely interested in future events, far beyond Dec. 21.

"There are many ancient Maya monuments that discuss events far into the future from now," wrote Geoffrey Braswell, an anthropologist at the University of California, San Diego. "The ancient Maya clearly believed things would happen far into the future from now."

"The king of Palenque, K'inich Hanaab Pakal, believed he would return to the Earth a couple of thousand years from now in the future," Braswell wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "Moreover, other monuments discuss events even before the creation in 3114 B.C."

Only a couple of references to the 2012 date equivalency have been found carved in stone at Mayan sites, and neither refers to an apocalypse, experts say.

PENNIES

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routine medical care because it's too expensive.

Kory had no savings when he was diagnosed, having just finished paying for his first year of college, his mother said. He was working full time and had insurance but was still shouldering much of the cost for medical treatment himself.

And it was incredibly expensive. A single shot cost \$6,000, Flowers-Daisy said. By the end of his treatment they were into their second million in hospital billing.

And there are the unexpected costs that insurance doesn't cover, she said, such as travel and lodging. Without a leukemia/lymphoma treatment center in this area, Kory was traveling to Ann Arbor, which cost \$100 round-trip just for gas. At one point he required cranial radiation treatments for 12 days in a row, which meant driving or staying in a motel.

Flowers-Daisy, who quit her career as a painter to help Kory, realized that many young people do not have that kind of support.

That's when the idea for Pennies from Heaven arose.

Counting their blessings

The name Pennies from Heaven came from a poem sent to Flowers-Daisy, in which found coins are symbols for unexpected blessings and a reminder to be thankful.

There were many unexpected blessings during Kory's illness, with strangers giving them money just for a meal, or the families of other cancer patients offering rooms in their homes.

A lawyer who hired

Flowers-Daisy to do a home decorating project offered to do the paperwork to create her nonprofit organization for free.

The documents creating Pennies from Heaven were signed Aug. 20 — the date Kory died.

The walk is scheduled to conclude on Oct. 10 — the date on which he was diagnosed in 2007 and the same date when he relapsed in 2008.

"I was dreading October. I needed something good to happen in October," Flowers-Daisy said.

Her route will take her from the cemetery starting at 10 a.m., past her home, to Niles Avenue and Church Street in St. Joseph, then to Main Street and Territorial Road in Benton Harbor. Her destination for the first day is Lawrence, and the athletic Flowers-Daisy hopes to make 30 miles a day for the first four days.

She will then travel from Lawrence to Comstock, then to Marshall, Jackson and Chelsea before the final leg to Ann Arbor.

Supporters are invited to accompany her on part or all of the walk and can make a donation.

On Oct. 5, at that night's football game against St. Joseph, Lakeshore High School cheerleaders will be selling wristbands that give the Pennies from Heaven website.

Flowers-Daisy said the walk is part of her healing. "When you give of yourself you can't feel sorry for yourself," she said. "Pennies from Heaven is helping me carry on Kory's legacy."

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KORY DAISY

OBITUARIES



Thomas A. Webb

COLOMA — Thomas A. Webb, 90, of Coloma passed away peacefully at home Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Friends may visit from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 30 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice at Home. Those wishing to share a memory of Thomas online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.



WEBB

Thomas was born July 21, 1922, in Cadillac, Mich., to Allison and Eva May (Carey) Webb. He graduated from Cadillac High School. He attended the University of Notre Dame, served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, then graduated from the University of Michigan, where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. On Nov. 5, 1949, he married Anna Betty Auler in Peru, Ill. Thomas worked as a county highway engineer for the County Road Commission in Ottawa County, Ill., St. Joseph and Berrien counties, Mich. He served as engineer manager of the Berrien County Road Commission and retired in 1979. Thomas then worked as a consultant for Barger Engineering, St. Joseph. He was a licensed professional engineer. In his spare time he enjoyed woodworking, electronics, playing cards and chess and was an avid University of Michigan Fan. Go Blue!

Thomas is survived by his wife, Anna Betty Webb of Coloma; daughters, Julia (Scott Deaner) Webb of Benton Harbor and Anna Tucker of Florence, Mont.; son, Karl (Christine) Webb of Green Springs, Ohio; six grandchildren, Whitney C. Tucker, Derek H. Tucker, Sarah C. Webb, Leah M. Webb, Rebecca J. Webb and Matthew K. Webb.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Sarah Webb Brown.

Helen Elizabeth (Combes) Willmeng

COLOMA — Helen Elizabeth (Combes) Will-

meng, 97, of Coloma passed into eternal life quietly at her home on September 25, 2012.

Helen was born June 18, 1915, in Bangor, Mich., to Gail and Letha (Stevenson) Combes and graduated salutatorian of her class from Hartford High School in 1933. In 1939 she married Gordon Willmeng, and for 50 years she and her husband lived and worked on their family farm in Bainbridge.

Helen was formerly involved in the 4-H Club, the Cub Scouts and the Literary Guild. She was active in the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She also loved to travel, golf and play bridge. Most dear to her heart was her family.

Helen is survived by her five sons, Dr. Tom (Maryann) Willmeng of Kalamazoo, Jerry (Charlene) Willmeng of Coloma, James (Allison) Willmeng of Brandon, Fla., Michael Willmeng of Coloma and David Willmeng of Mat-tawan; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. In addition she leaves behind her niece, Patti (George) Falkner of Hartford; many loving nieces; nephews; and faithful friends Rita Lynch, Phyllis Bistyak and Joyce Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon; two sons, Stephen and John Willmeng; and her daughter, Mary Willmeng Coon.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet. Visitation will be from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, with the Rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be given to the St. Joseph Catholic School. Those wishing to leave an online message of comfort for the family may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

James Burl Mathis

STEVENSVILLE — James Burl Mathis, 74, of Stevensville passed away Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Starks & Menchinger Cha-



WILLMENG



MATHIS

BIRTHS

Lakeland Community Hospital Niles

Buchanan — Boy, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, Sharon Breland and James McLalin, 1:17 p.m. Aug. 7.

Buchanan — Girl, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, Tamara and Christopher Howard, 9:02 p.m. Sept. 18.

Buchanan — Girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, Jamie and Jason Draper, 7:28 a.m. Sept. 21.

Dowagiac — Boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, Paige Brosnan and Ryan Keene, 12:34 p.m. Sept. 22.

South Bend — Boy, 10 pounds, 1 ounce, Stephanie and Matt Kostizen, 4:07 a.m. Sept. 19.

Lakeland Regional Medical Center St. Joseph

Benton Harbor — Boy, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, Jessica Gray, 2:19 p.m. Sept. 16.

Benton Harbor — Girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, Cassandra Baggett, 12:12 p.m. Sept. 17.

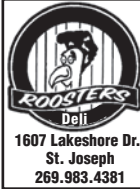
Benton Harbor — Boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Crystal McKenzie, 10:31 p.m. Sept. 19.

Benton Harbor — Girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, Ashley Johnson, 6:13 p.m. Sept. 19.

Benton Harbor — Boy, 6 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces, Kenya Collins and Lawrence Cohn, 7:59 p.m. Sept. 19.

Benton Harbor — Girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, Lucia Cardona and Marco Lemus, 1:27 a.m. Sept. 20.

Benton Harbor — Girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, Rasheeda Lucas and Rodney Polk, 5:52 p.m. Sept. 21.



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\$4.99
per person

pel in St. Joseph, with Pastor Chris Petty officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Visitation will be held Sunday from 1-3 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. at Starks & Menchinger Chapel. Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Southwest Michigan. Those wishing to share a memory of James online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

James was born on December 16, 1938, in Selmer, Tenn., to Mr. and Mrs. Pearl and Zula (Murphy) Mathis. He was a hardworking farmer early in his life and found and married the love of his life, Elsie, on June 22, 1957, after moving to Niles to make a better life for himself and his family. James was all about the family: He would pass up fishing or hunting to spend precious time teaching his young son and daughter a better way of life. He loved to dote on the kids and grandkids, but especially enjoyed making time for himself and his wife. He was employed for over 20 years by Clark Equipment and made sure the kids knew how to put in a hard day's work. James was a tenderhearted man who truly cherished children and animals of all sorts. He was a great family man and made sure they always came first.

James is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elsie; son, Ronald (Karlyn) Mathis of Stevensville; daughter, Barbara Mathis and companion Fran Wilkins of Adrian; granddaughter, Anne (Jason) Zuhl; great-grandchildren, Mitchell and Lilly Zuhl; brother, Harold (Pauline) Mathis of Niles, Mac (Geraldine) Mathis of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Dwayne Mathis of Bridgman; sisters, Jo (Jim) Schroeder of Niles and Barbara Bolin of Cassopolis.

James was preceded in death by his parents; son, James W. Mathis; and brother, Billy Mathis.

Lois M. Ward

ST. JOSEPH — Lois M. Ward, 83, of St. Joseph died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at the Caretel Inns of Royalton.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. The family will receive



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Death notices

James Burl Mathis, 74, Stevensville, died Friday, Sept. 28, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Dorothy "Granny" Liven-good, 78, Stevensville, died Friday, Sept. 28, at Lake-land Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Lois M. Ward, 83, of St. Joseph died Thursday, Sept. 27, at Caretel Inns of Royalton. Dey-Florin Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, St. Joseph, 983-1514.

Thomas A. Webb, 90, Coloma, died Thursday, Sept. 27 at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Helen Elizabeth (Combes) Willmeng, 97, Coloma, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

friends and relatives from noon-2 p.m. Monday at the Dey-Florin Chapel. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's UCC Church in St. Joseph. Please share memories, message or photos at www.florin.net.

Lois was born on April 12, 1929, in St. Joseph to George and Anna Hoehne. She graduated in 1947 from St. Joseph High School, where she sang in both the Glee Club and the choir. Lois married her husband, Jack Ward, on Oct. 27, 1951. They were high school sweethearts for six years before they married, and they have celebrated 61 years of marriage. She was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Church, where she was a member of the Consistory for over 15 years and a member of the choir. Lois also served on the Board of the SWM Symphony for over 20 years. She was a volunteer at Memorial Hospital in the post-surgery area for many years. She loved dancing, sports, flowers and the outdoors. Lois was an outgoing person who enjoyed fun and had a great sense of humor. She was a loving and devoted mother and wife. Lois had fun in life.

Lois is survived by her husband, Jack; her children, Kevin (Ellen) Ward of Walska, Ga., Keith (Deborah) Ward of St. Joseph and Kerry Ward of Chicago; her grandchildren, Megan, Rachel, Sean, Gregory, Katelyn, Jennifer and Jeremy; and her great-grandchildren, Mikala and Dustin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Erwin; and her sister, Marjorie.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Ted Hartzell at 429-1293 or 1-800-356-4262, ext. 293.

► **BUCHANAN** — An In Brief item in the Local section Friday gave the incorrect day for U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's upcoming speech in Buchanan. He will speak on Oct. 6 at the Buchanan Senior Center on Rynearson Road. The doors on that Saturday will open at 1:30 p.m., and Levin is expected to start his speech around 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the South County Democratic Club.

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SPORTS

Coloma can't finish
off drives in loss

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Friday's high school football scores

Mattawan	49	Portage Northern	55	Bridgman	24	Edwardsburg	46	Hartford	27	Gobles	36
St. Joseph	14	Niles	22	Cassopolis	21	Coloma	17	Lawton	24	Bloomington	20
Lakeshore	35	Lake Michigan Catholic	42	Buchanan	28	Dowagiac	55	Decatur	44	Today's game	
Kalamazoo Central	0	River Valley	0	Brandywine	22	South Haven	0	Lawrence	14	Michigan Lutheran vs.	
Portage Central	45	New Buffalo	35	Three Rivers	35	Watervliet	56	Bangor	46	Kinde-North Huron, 6	
Benton Harbor	6	Eau Claire	7	Berrien Springs	3	Marcellus	21	Fennville	0		



Lakeshore's Andrew Seawood powers past Kalamazoo Central's Jared Coleman and scores a touchdown during the first quarter of Friday's game.

Don Campbell / H-P staff

Quick and
easy win

Lakeshore clinches playoff spot with
lopsided win over Kalamazoo Central

By BEN SANDERS
H-P Sports Writer



STEVENS-VILLE—There was no late-game excitement for Lakeshore this time.

After three straight dramatic victories in Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division play, the Lancers made quick work of Kalamazoo Central Friday, scoring on

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Lakeshore's Harold Wiggins works his way past Kalamazoo Central's Cornelous Jones after a reception during the first quarter of Friday's game.

Don Campbell / H-P staff

Watervliet
stays perfect

Panthers easily
defeat Marcellus

By NATHAN KAHNE
H-P Sports Writer

WATERVLIET — Marcellus' football team is much improved from last season, entering Friday's contest against Watervliet undefeated.

But, after Watervliet's offense dominated the game in a 56-21 win, Marcellus coach A.J. High saw a new level to strive for.

"We gave it everything we had," said High. "We had trouble containing (wide receiver Travis) Bolin and (running back Javauntae) Thomas. We just couldn't match up with those guys."

Bolin caught six passes, including three touchdowns, for 115 yards and also added two rushing TDs to help the Panthers (2-0 SAC South, 6-0) clinch a playoff berth and take

sole possession of first place in the SAC South race.

Marcellus scored with 14 seconds left in the first quarter to tie the game at 7-7, but the Wildcats' ensuing kickoff was returned 85 yards by Thomas for a touchdown as the first quarter clock expired.

"That was a key play," said High. "At that time things weren't too bad, we had moved the ball and were tied. But it really deflated us."

The Panthers scored three straight TDs in the second quarter to take a commanding 34-7 lead. Two of the drives were two plays or less and the other took five snaps.

"Thomas is a big play waiting to happen," said Watervliet coach Jeremy Andrews. "He doesn't get a lot of carries, because we have had short drives, but we know what he is capable of. And Travis and (quarterback) Jake Cowser do this every week."

Cowser completed 10 of

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BH finds positives
in loss to P-Central

By DARREN PHILLIPS
H-P Sports Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The steps taken may have been small, but Benton Harbor football coach Daric Randolph saw some improvement from his team this week.



The result still wasn't good, a 45-6 loss to Portage Central in a Southwestern Michigan Athletic

Conference West Division game at Filstrup Field, but there were a lot more positives than in last week's rout at the hands of Portage Northern.

The Tigers (0-4 SMAC West, 0-6 overall) were shut out and finished with negative yardage in that game. Friday, Benton Harbor picked up 207 yards, scored on an 18-yard pass from T.J. Morris to Raymone Hayden and pushed the ball into Portage Central territory

multiple times.

"The focus in practice was better," Randolph said. "They did some things in practice that we have been waiting for."

Portage Central recovered the opening kickoff, blooming it into an open area at the Tigers' 44 and getting there before any of Benton Harbor's players.

A seven-play scoring drive was capped by a 3-yard touchdown run by DeJuan James, one of four touchdowns he scored.

On Benton Harbor's opening possession, the Tigers fumbled the ball on two of three plays and lost seven yards on those plays before punting.

Portage Central drove 76 yards to score again, going up 14-0 on a 4-yard run by Jacob Allan.

The Mustangs (3-1, 5-1) pushed the lead to 27-0 by halftime, with a late drive by Benton Harbor reaching

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Sweeney, Mattawan roll past SJ

By AL AREND
H-P Sports Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH — Mattawan coach Matt Stephens admitted he felt Friday night's football game against St. Joseph would be his team's first real test of the season.



Led by speedy tailback Trevor Sweeney's school and Dickinson Stadium record seven touchdowns, his undefeated Wildcats passed that mid-term gridiron exam with flying colors.

The final grade: A convincing 49-14 Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division victory.

"I didn't expect to have the score we have on the board," said Stephens after-

ward. "We know St. Joe has a tremendous football tradition and have a great football team. Our guys were real focused and we're just happy to come down here and have the success we had."

Sweeney, the Wildcats' 5-foot-9, 160-pound tailback, was electrifying scoring on runs of 10, 14, 3, 1 and 51 yards.

He also caught Mattawan's only two complete passes of the night, both for TDs of 80 and 29 yards. The 3.99 grade-point average student, who would like to major in astrophysics, put up some astronomical numbers rushing for 187 yards on 23 carries, plus the two TD receptions for 109 yards.

"He's a pretty special athlete," noted Stephens of his tailback who has been

clocked at 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash. "I'm glad we don't have to play against him. He goes 100 percent every play."

"I know I'm going to get a lot of press because of the seven touchdowns, but without my offensive line I wouldn't have gotten any," Sweeney said. "That's the best running I've ever done, but that's the best blocking I've ever had."

"They're very good, they just mauled us," said St. Joseph coach Gandalf Church, whose team fell to 1-3 in the West and 3-3 overall. "They just blocked us and we couldn't get off of them. They ran that wing-T to perfection."

"It was not a good night," added Church. "We got down by so much, it just got

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Mattawan's Austin Collison is tackled by St. Joseph's Justin Gambrell during Friday's game.

IN BRIEF

United States leads 5-3 at Ryder Cup

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — Slow start, fast finish, comfortable lead.

The Americans have a 5-3 lead over Europe after steamrolling through the second session of the Ryder Cup on Friday. Keegan Bradley and Phil Mickelson swept their matches, and Bubba Watson and Webb Simpson flirted with a record score in fourballs. Dustin Johnson and Matt Kuchar added a 3-and-2 victory over Justin Rose and Martin Kaymer.

Only Nicolas Colsaerts spoiled the Americans' fun. Europe's only rookie single-handedly kept his team from being swept, making an eagle and eight birdies as he and Lee Westwood beat Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker 1 up. Woods had a chance to earn a halve, but his 15-footer ran along the edge of the cup and kept on going.

Rios homers to help Sox beat Rays 3-1

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Rios hit his career-high 25th homer and the Chicago White Sox gave their fading playoff hopes a boost, beating Tampa Bay 3-1 on Friday night.

The White Sox got a bit of a reprieve after dropping eight of nine and moved within a game of first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

Tigers fall to Doumit, Twins 4-2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ryan Doumit had four RBIs for Minnesota, including the go-ahead two-run double in the eighth inning to help the Twins beat Detroit 4-2 on Friday.

Rookie Drew Smyly struck out five over 5 1-3 scoreless innings, but Brayan Villarreal (3-5) walked three to load the bases in the eighth before Doumit's one-out hit put the Twins in front.

AIRWAVES

Television today

7:30 a.m. (ESPN2) English Premier League Soccer Arsenal FC vs Chelsea FC. From Emirates Stadium in London, England. (Live)

9:00 a.m. (5) (8) (16) 2012 Ryder Cup Day Two. From the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill. (Live) **(H)** **(C)**

12:00 p.m. (13) (50) College Football Ball State at Kent State. (Live)

(46) College Football Arkansas at Texas A&M. (Live)

(BigTen) College Football Indiana at Northwestern. (Live)

(ESPN) College Football Penn State at Illinois. (Live)

(ESPN2) College Football Minnesota at Iowa. (Live)

(FoxSports) College Football Teams TBA. (Live)

(FX) College Football Baylor at West Virginia. (Live)

(NBCSports) College Football Pennsylvania at Dartmouth. (Live)

(Speed) NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: Dover, Qualifying. From Dover International Speedway, Del. (Live)

1:30 p.m. (Speed) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Dover, Qualifying. (Live)

3:00 p.m. (Golf) PGA Tour Golf Web.com: Chiquita Classic, Third Round. From Weddington, N.C. (Live)

(Speed) Rolex Sports Car Series Racing Lime Rock. (Live)

3:15 p.m. (BigTen) College Football Marshall at Purdue. (Live)

3:30 p.m. (2) (3) (22) College Football Tennessee at Georgia. (Live) **(C)**

(7) (13) (26) (41) (57) College Football Ohio State at Michigan State. (Live) **(C)**

(ESPN) NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: OneMain Financial 200. From Dover, Del. (Live)

(ESPN2) College Football Clemson at Boston College. (Live)

(FoxSports) College Football Houston vs. Rice. (Live)

(NBCSports) College Football Atlanta Football Classic — Florida A&M vs. Southern. (Live)

4:00 p.m. (17) (28) (32) MLB Baseball Regional Coverage. Tampa Bay Rays at Chicago White Sox, Los Angeles Angels at Texas Rangers or Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. (Live) **(H)** **(C)**

(FX) College Football Arizona State at California. (Live)

6:00 p.m. (ESPN) College Football Florida State at South Florida. (Live)

7:00 p.m. (Csnch) College Football Georgia State at William & Mary. (Live)

(ESPN2) College Football South Carolina at Kentucky. (Live)

(FoxSports) College Football Texas Christian at Southern Methodist. (Live)

7:30 p.m. (17) (28) (32) College Football Texas at Oklahoma State. (Live) **(H)** **(C)**

8:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) College Football Wisconsin at Nebraska. (Live) **(C)**

(9B) (9C) MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Arizona Diamondbacks. (Live) **(H)** **(C)**

(BigTen) Women's College Volleyball Illinois at Purdue. (Live)

8:30 p.m. (Speed) NASCAR Racing Camping World Truck Series: Las Vegas. (Live)

9:00 p.m. (NBCSports) MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Vancouver Whitecaps FC. (Live)

9:15 p.m. (ESPN) College Football Mississippi at Alabama. (Live)

9:30 p.m. (HBO) Boxing Jason Escalera vs. Edwin Rodriguez, Super Middleweights. (Live) **(H)** **(C)**

10:30 p.m. (ESPN2) College Football Oregon at Washington State. (Live)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Speed) Motorcycle Racing MotoGP World Championship: Aragon. From Motorland Aragon in Aragon, Spain. (Live)

Coloma drives stall out in loss

By AARON GREEN

H-P Sports Writer

COLOMA — Coloma had no problem moving the ball against Edwardsburg on Friday.

However, the Comets struggled to finish drives. They took their first four drives inside the Eddie's 30-yard line, but only came away with three points.

Edwardsburg had no such problem finishing. The Eddie's scored on four consecutive drives in the first half to take control of the game and went on to defeat Coloma 46-17, improving to 3-0 in the Wolverine Conference West Division and 5-1 overall.

"If you are going to be a championship team, you have to come away with something when you get down there," Coloma coach Mark Eddy said.

Coloma (0-3, 1-5) found plenty of room moving the ball in its first four drives, going deep into Edwardsburg territory. It twice had first-and-goal, but penalties

and mistakes cost the Comets chances for points.

"We did not have a lot of penalties, but they seemed to happen when they were important," Eddy said.

Coloma took the opening drive down to the Edwardsburg 29, but could not convert a fourth-and-3, turning the ball over to the Eddie's.

The Comet defense forced a three-and-out, giving the ball back to the offense.

Coloma took the ball down to the Eddie nine, but a holding penalty pushed the Comets back and Jorge Hernandez missed a 26-yard field goal.

Edwardsburg got its offense rolling on its second drive as Caleb Neff took the ball 48 yards down to the Coloma 22-yard line.

Jason Schimpa would cap off the drive from six yards out and the Eddie's had an 8-0 lead.

Coloma responded and had the ball on the Edwardsburg five.

Again, the Comets drive stalled, and Coloma had to settle for a 26-yard field goal to trail 8-3.

Edwardsburg made an adjustment in how it ran its

wing-T offense and continued to have success.

Jason Schimpa hit Garret Bronkema on a 46-yard scoring pass to finish a 78-yard scoring drive to take a 16-3 lead.

Coloma drove again to the Eddie 29, but Dakota Selby fumbled the ball away to end the drive.

Jack Bywaters scored from 22 yards out, and the Eddie's were in control 24-3.

Coloma had Edwardsburg in a fourth-and-three from its own 47-yard line, but could not stop the Eddie's from picking up the first down.

"We really do not care where the ball is at when we only have three or four yards to pick up the first down," Edwardsburg coach Kevin Bartz said. "We want to instill in the kids that they can get that much anytime."

The Comets tried to come back, but Andrew Steinhoff's deep pass was picked off late in the first half.

Edwardsburg was not done as Schimpa hit Tyler Briggs for another 46-yard touchdown pass for a 30-3

halftime lead.

Edwardsburg picked up in the second half where it had left off as Neff plunged in from one yard out for a 38-3 lead.

Coloma was finally able to finish off a drive as Rick-e-y Payne took a screen pass and scampered 36 yards for the score to cut the lead to 38-10.

Edwardsburg 46, Coloma 17				
Edwardsburg	8	22	8	46
Coloma	0	3	7	17
First quarter				
E — Jason Schimpa 6 run (Caleb Neff run)				
Second quarter				
C — Jorge Hernandez 26 field goal				
E — Garret Bronkema 46 pass from Schimpa (Tyler Williamson run)				
E — Jack Bywaters 22 run (run failed)				
E — Tyler Briggs 46 pass from Schimpa (Dylan Hulett run)				
Third quarter				
E — Neff 1 run (Bronkema pass from Schimpa)				
C — Rickey Payne 36 pass from Andrew Steinhoff (Hernandez kick)				
Fourth quarter				
E — Williamson 5 run (Brett Bowman run)				
C — Steinhoff 4 run (Hernandez kick)				

	Edw	Col
First downs	17	18
Total net yards	414	364
Rushes-yards	40-322	28-151
Passing	92	213
Comp-Att-Int	2-3-1	17-27-2
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	2-20	4-45
Rushing — Edwardsburg: Caleb Neff 10-96, Jack Bywaters 9-104, Tyler Williamson 8-63, Coloma: Dakota Selby 20-105, Andrew Steinhoff 6-42.		
Passing — Edwardsburg: Jason Schimpa 2-3-92-1, Andrew Steinhoff 17-27-213-2.		
Receiving — Edwardsburg: Garret Bronkema 1-46, Tyler Briggs 1-46, Coloma: Jorge Hernandez 3-46, Rickey Payne 5-51, Matt Greco 3-66.		

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their first four possessions on their way to a 35-0 win.

Lakeshore (4-0, 6-0), ranked No. 4 in Division 3, clinched its 15th straight postseason appearance with the victory.

"I'm ecstatic the way we're playing right now," Lakeshore coach Denny Dock said.

In the Lancers' first three SMAC West games, they needed overtime to defeat Portage Northern, nearly let a 20-point lead slip away against Portage Central, and had to rally from a 12-point deficit to beat Niles.

Lakeshore didn't have nearly as much trouble with Kalamazoo Central (0-4, 1-5).

The Lancers didn't throw an incomplete pass or commit a penalty or turnover in the first half, and by the second half were able to get their reserves some playing time.

"Most important thing is we got all our kids in the game," Dock said. "They've been practicing hard. We've had tough games, and they've been so patient. It was a big win for us."

Zach Ellis opened the scoring with a four-yard touchdown run, and later added a 39-yard scoring run in the third quarter. He led the Lakeshore rushing attack with five carries for 63 yards.

Andrew Seawood scored from 18 yards out on the Lancers' second possession, finishing with four carries for 36 yards.

"I thought Andrew was solid running the ball, and I thought Zach ran the ball hard," Dock said. "The offensive line, we ran the inside trap really well."



Don Campbell / H-P staff

Lakeshore's Dustin Clapp chases down a fumble by Kalamazoo Central's Matthew Taylor during the first quarter of Friday's game. Kalamazoo Central recovered the ball.

Lakeshore's third drive lasted just two plays, both passes from Johnny Nate to Josh Bushu. A 45-yard completion set up a 10-yard scoring toss.

Nate limped off the field after the touchdown and did not return to the game. He was replaced by Mike Adams, who threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Mikey Rivette to make the halftime score 28-0.

Nate finished 5-of-5 passing for 101 yards. Dock said his injury wasn't serious.

"He could've played, but Mike needed some good reps," Dock said. "He threw a nice touchdown pass there and carried the ball a little bit. We were OK there."

Kalamazoo Central played without injured running back Kenyon Smith. Filling in was Forest Drummer, who rushed for 103

yards on 21 carries, with most of his damage coming in the second half.

The Maroon Giants' best drive took them to the Lakeshore 5-yard line before time expired in the first half.

Brad Clapp and Jake Gaunder each had interceptions for the Lancers.

"Defensively, we were decent across the board," Dock said.

Dock will go after his 250th career victory when Lakeshore hosts rival St. Joseph at 7 p.m. next Friday.

Tickets for the game cost \$5 and will be on sale in the Lakeshore High School main office and the St. Joseph High School athletic office from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Tickets will also be avail-

able at the gate Friday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. A pre-purchased ticket does not guarantee a seat, only admission.

Lakeshore 35, Kal. Central 0				
Kal. Central	0	0	0	0
Lakeshore	21	7	0	35
First quarter				
Zach Ellis 4 run (Tyler Whitwam kick)				
Andrew Seawood 18 run (Whitwam kick)				
Josh Bushu 10 pass from Johnny Nate (Whitwam kick)				
Second quarter				
Mikey Rivette 27 pass from Mike Adams (Whitwam kick)				
Third quarter				
Zach Ellis 39 run (Whitwam kick)				
	KC	Lks		
First downs	11	14		
Total net yards	199	306		
Rushes-yards	32-101	31-178		
Passing	98	128		
Comp-Att-Int	7-12-2	6-9-0		
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	0-0		
Penalties-Yards	4-40	3-20		
Rushing — Kal. Central: Forest Drummer 21-103, Lakeshore: Ellis 5-63, Seawood 4-36, Zak Drake 2-23, Adams 10-22, Eliga Miller 4-20, Jared Schlender 3-16.				
Passing — Kal. Central: Matthew Taylor 6-11-2-96, Lakeshore: Nate 5-5-0-101, Adams 1-4-0-27.				
Receiving — Kal. Central: Ce'Von McFerrin 3-31, Lakeshore: Bushu 2-55, Harold Wiggins 2-33.				
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TIGERS

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the Portage Central 22 before time ran out.

Portage Central led 33-0 in the third quarter before the Tigers scored. Morris scrambled under heavy pressure on the play that started at the 18, working free around the 40-yard line before heaving a pass to Hayden, who caught it inside the 5 and went on into the end zone.

Morris finished 6 of 15 for 100 yards and completed another pass to Hayden for 35 yards after scrambling well behind the line of scrimmage on a fourth-and-4 play.

"It was good to have him back on board," Randolph said. "We've been working on his leadership skills and he showed those."

James led Portage Central with 15 carries for 126 yards. Allan ran 13 times for 79 yards. The Mustangs finished with 464 total

yards, including 391 yards rushing on 61 carries.

Hayden caught three passes for 77 yards for Benton Harbor. He also ran seven times for 30 yards.

Portage Central 45, Benton Harbor 6				
P. Central	14	13	6	45
Benton Harbor	0	0	6	6
First quarter				
PC — DeJuan James 3 run (Mickey Losey kick), 9:16.				
PC — Jacob Allan 4 run (Losey kick), 1:53.				
Second quarter				
PC — James 14 run (Losey kick), 6:24.				
PC — James 12 run (kick failed), 1:03.				
Third quarter				
PC — James 19 run (run failed), 10:46.				
BH — Raymone Hayden 18 pass from TJ Morris (pass failed), 8:35.				
PC — Matt Capasso 26 pass from Ryan Mergener (run failed), 5:31.				
Fourth quarter				
PC — Tyler Harper 4 run (run failed), 6:38.				
	PC	BH		
First downs	32	12		
Total net yards	464	207		
Rushes-yards	61-391	29-107		
Passing	73	100		
Comp-Att-Int	3-5-0	6-16-1		
Fumbles-lost	2-1	9-2		
Penalties-yards	5-40	9-62		
Rushing — Portage Central: James 15-126, Allan 13-79, Brad Webber 7-66, Michael Kuchenbuch 7-42, Connor Gabriel 7-42.				
Benton Harbor: Raymone Hayden 7-30, Micah Goss 4-21, Morris 6-16, Edward Headspeth 3-16, Jacob Blue 5-10, Jamal Hatfield 3-8, Timothy Davis 1-6.				
Passing — Portage Central: Mergener 2-3-0, 56; Losey 1-2-0, 17, Benton Harbor: Morris 6-15-1, 100; Hatfield 0-1-0.				
Receiving — Portage Central: Hunter Lassiter 1-30, Capasso 1-26, Cody Hite 1-17, Benton Harbor: Hayden 3-77, Davis 1-17, Hatfield 2-6.				
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12 passes for 168 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions.

The large margin of victory may have overshadowed an average performance by the Watervliet defense, which is still coming together after losing eight starters from last year.

"We played OK defense," said Andrews. "We gave up more yardage than I would have liked. But, I'm happy with how we have started games and kept up the intensity. It helps that the SAC South is loaded."

The Wildcats (1-1, 5-1) gained 348 yards, led by Jared Jones' 112 rushing yards and 74 passing yards.

Watervliet 56, Marcellus 21				
Marcellus	7	7	0	7
Watervliet	14	27	15	0
First quarter				
W — Travis Bolin 5 run (Bolin kick)				
M — Marcus Pompey 1 run (Connor Sonnevill kick)				
W — Javante Thomas 85 kickoff return (Bolin kick)				

Second quarter				
W — Bolin 31 pass from Jake Cowser (Bolin kick)				
W — Deven Schultz 18 pass from Cowser (Bolin kick)				
W — Bolin 11 pass from Cowser (kick failed)				
M — Jared Jones 60 run (Sonnevil kick)				
W — Bolin 25 pass from Cowser (Bolin kick)				
Third quarter				
W — Bolin 18 run (Schultz from Cowser)				
W — Thomas 77 run (Schultz kick)				
Fourth quarter				
M — Jones 5 run (Sonnevil kick)				
	M	W		
First downs	13	18		
Total net yards	348	365		
Rushes-Yards	47-274	17-194		
Passing yards	74	171		
Comp-Att-Int	3-7-0	11-13-0		
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0		
Rushing — Watervliet: Javante Thomas 6-129, Bolin 2-23, Cowser 3-28, Marcellus: Marcus Pompey 13-48, Jon Bailey 10-46, Jared Jones 9-112, Mason New 11-62.				
Passing — Watervliet: Jake Cowser 10-12-168, Weston Dehaven 1-1-3, Marcellus: Jared Jones 3-7-74.				
Receiving — Watervliet: Travis Bolin 6-115, 2-45, Marcellus: 2-52.				
Records — Watervliet 2-0 SAC South, 6-0; Marcellus 1-1, 5-1.				

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	91	66	.580	—
Baltimore	90	67	.573	1
Tampa Bay	86	71	.548	5
Boston	69	88	.439	22
Toronto	69	88	.439	22
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	84	73	.535	—
Chicago	83	74	.529	1
Kansas City	70	87	.446	14
Cleveland	66	91	.420	18
Minnesota	66	91	.420	18
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	92	64	.590	—
Oakland	88	68	.564	4
Los Angeles	86	70	.551	6
Seattle	73	83	.468	19

Thursday's Games
Detroit 5, Kansas City 4
Texas 9, Oakland 7
Seattle 9, L.A. Angels 4
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 0
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago White Sox 2

Friday's Games
Minnesota 4, Detroit 2
Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 9, Boston 1
Cleveland 8, Kansas City 5
N.Y. Yankees 11, Toronto 4
L.A. Angels at Texas
Seattle at Oakland

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 5-3) at Toronto (R.Romero 9-14), 1:07 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 16-8) at Minnesota (Walters 2-4), 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 9-12) at Texas (D.Holland 11-6), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 14-11) at Oakland (Straily 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (M.Moore 10-11) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 17-7), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Doubtront 11-9) at Baltimore (S.Johnson 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Odorizzi 0-1) at Cleveland (J.Gomez 5-8), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Boston at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

WHITE SOX 3, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay					Chicago				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Fuld lf	2	0	0	0	De Aza cf-lf	4	0	1	0
CGmiz c	0	0	0	0	Yokulis 3b	4	0	1	1
Blupton cf	4	0	0	0	A.Dunn dh	3	0	0	0
Zobrist ss	3	1	1	1	Konerk 1b	4	0	1	0
Longori 3b	3	0	0	0	Rios rf	4	2	3	1
Scott dh	3	0	1	0	Przyns c	4	0	0	0
SRdrgz ph-dh00	0	0	0	0	Viedelo lf	3	0	0	0
Kpngr 2b	3	0	1	0	Wise cf	1	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	2	0	0	0	AlRmrz ss	3	0	2	1
BFrnchs ph	1	0	0	0	Bckhm 2b	3	1	2	0
Joyce rf	3	0	0	0					
RRorts ph	1	0	0	0					
Loaton c	2	0	0	0					
DJnngs ph-lf20	0	0	0	0					
Totals	29	3	1	1	Totals	33	3	10	3
Tampa Bay	100	000	000	—	1				
Chicago	001	101	00x	—	3				
E=Hellickson (2), DP=Tampa Bay, Chicago 1, Chicago									
1. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Chicago 7, 2B—De Aza (29), Rios (37). HR—Zobrist (19), Rios (25).									

E—Hellickson (2), DP—Tampa Bay 1, Chicago 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Chicago 7. 2B—De Aza (29), Rios (37). HR—Zobrist (19), Rios (25).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Hellickson L,9-11	5 ² / ₃	9	3	2	1	2
Howell	1 ¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	3
W.Davis	1	0	0	0	0	1
Badenhop	0	1	0	0	0	0
C.Ramos	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Floyd W,11-11	5	2	1	1	5	6
Crain H,10	2 ² / ₃	1	0	0	0	4
Thornton	0	0	0	0	1	0
N.Jones H,7	1 ¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	1
Veal H,4	1 ¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	1
A.Redd S,29-33	2 ² / ₃	0	0	0	0	0

Thornton pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. Badenhop pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Crain (Longoria). WP—Crain. T—3:08. A—25,264 (40,615).

TWINS 4, TIGERS 2

Detroit		Minnesota	
	ab r h bi		ab r h bi
AJcksn cf	4 1 0 0	Span cf	3 1 1 0
Infante 2b	4 1 1 2	Revere rf	3 0 0 0
McCar 3b	4 0 2 0	Mauer c	2 1 0 0
Fielder 1b	4 0 1 0	Mornea 1b	3 1 0 0
DYong dh	4 0 2 0	Doumit dh	4 1 2 4
JhPerit ss	4 0 0 0	Mstrnn pr-dh0	0 0 0 0
Dirks lf	4 0 0 0	Plouffe 3b	4 0 0 0
AGarci rf	3 0 0 0	JCarroll 3b	0 0 0 0
G.Laird c	3 0 0 0	MCarsn lf	4 0 0 0
		EEscor 2b	2 0 1 0
		ACasill 2b	0 0 0 0
		Flornn ss	3 0 0 0
Totals	34 2 6 2	Totals	28 4 4 4
Detroit	000 000 020		— 2 4
Minnesota	000 000 22x		— 4
E—Fielder (11), Morneau (6), Plouffe (17),			
LOB—Detroit 5, Minnesota 6. 2B—Doumit			
(34), HR—Infante (4), Doumit (17). SB—Span			
(17). S—Revere.			

E—Fielder (11), Morneau (6), Plouffe (17). LOB—Detroit 5, Minnesota 6. 2B—Doumit (34). HR—Infante (4), Doumit (17). SB—Span (17). S—Revere.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Smyly	5 ¹ / ₃	2	0	0	0	1
Coke	2 ¹ / ₃	1	2	1	0	1
Dotel	1	0	0	0	0	0
B.Villarreal L,3-5	1	1	2	2	3	2
Minnesota						
Diamond	7 ¹ / ₃	6	2	1	0	1
Burton W,3-1	2 ² / ₃	0	0	0	0	1
Perkins S,16-19	1	0	0	0	0	0

Coke pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. HBP—by Dotel (E.Scobar). T—2:30. A—30,315 (39,500).

National League

All Times EDT				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Washington	95	62	.605	—
z-Atlanta	91	66	.580	4
Philadelphia	78	79	.497	17
New York	73	84	.465	22
Miami	67	90	.427	28
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cincinnati	95	62	.605	—
St. Louis	85	72	.541	10
Milwaukee	80	76	.513	14 ¹ / ₂
Pittsburgh	76	81	.484	19
Chicago	59	97	.378	35 ¹ / ₂
Houston	51	105	.327	43 ¹ / ₂
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Francisco	91	65	.583	—
Los Angeles	81	75	.519	10
Arizona	78	78	.500	13
San Diego	74	82	.474	17
Colorado	62	94	.397	29

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 2, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 5
Colorado 7, Chicago Cubs 5
San Francisco 7, Arizona 3
Washington 7, Philadelphia 3
Atlanta 6, Miami 2

Friday's Games
Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 0
Miami 2, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 1
St. Louis 12, Washington 2
Houston at Milwaukee
Chicago Cubs at Arizona
San Francisco at San Diego
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Leake 8-9) at Pittsburgh (McPherson 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 3-7) at Milwaukee (Estrada 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (C.Young 4-8) at Atlanta (Minor 10-10), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 10-8) at Miami (Nolasco 12-12), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 12-8) at St. Louis (Lohse 16-3), 7:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Germano 2-9) at Arizona (Cahill 12-12), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 16-10) at San Diego (Stutts 7-3), 8:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 5-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Blanton 9-13), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 2-10 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.

GOLF

Ryder Cup
At Medinah Country Club
Medinah, Ill.
Yardage: 7,658; Par: 72
Friday
UNITED STATES 5, EUROPE 3
Foursomes
Europe 2, United States 2
Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell, Europe, def. Jim Furyk and Brandt Snedeker, United States, 1 up.
Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley, United States, def. Luke Donald and Sergio Garcia, Europe, 4 and 3.
Jason Dufner and Zach Johnson, United States, def. Lee Westwood and Francesco Molinari, Europe, 3 and 2.
Ian Poulter and Justin Rose, Europe, def. Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker, United States, 2 and 1.

Fourballs
United States 3, Europe 1
Bubba Watson and Webb Simpson, United States, def. Paul Lawrie and Peter Hanson, Europe, 5 and 4.
Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley, United States, def. Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell, Europe, 2 and 1.
Lee Westwood and Nicolas Colsaerts, Europe, def. Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker, United States, 1 up.
Dustin Johnson and Matt Kuchar, United States, def. Justin Rose and Martin Kaymer, Europe, 3 and 2.

NFL

All Times EDT						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	81	75
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	87	79
New England	1	2	0	.333	82	64
Miami	1	2	0	.333	65	66
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	0	0	1.000	94	48
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	52	70
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	67	113
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	61	83
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	121	83
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	85	102
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	77	75
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	73	98
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	63	51
Denver	1	2	0	.333	77	77
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	68	99
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	61	88

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	47	54
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	47	66
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	94	65
Washington	1	2	0	.333	99	101
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	3	0	0	1.000	94	48
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	60	67
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	52	79
New Orleans	0	3	0	.000	83	102
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	70	59
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	74	50
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	57	54
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	87	94
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	0	0	1.000	67	40
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	70	65
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	57	39
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	60	78

Thursday's Game
Baltimore 23, Cleveland 16

Sunday's Games
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Miami at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Indianapolis, Pittsburgh

Monday's Game
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 4
Arizona at St. Louis, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7
Baltimore at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Carolina, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Denver at New England, 4:25 p.m.
San Diego at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Dallas, Detroit, Oakland, Tampa Bay

Monday, Oct. 8
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 8:30 p.m.

BOWLING

LAKESHORE LANES
STARLIGHTERS — Women: Gina Gitchell 670 (246), Robin Thompson 619 (226), Marie Weidner 603 (238), Desi Williams 600 (256). Men: Kurt Janego 578 (225), Jim Williams 571, Steve Sokol 566, Bill Weidner 526.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
MINNESOTA TWINS—Granted INF Tsuyoshi Nishioka his unconditional release.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Sent INF Stefan Jarrin to Philadelphia to complete an earlier trade.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Extended their player development contract with Tucson (PCL) through the 2014 season.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Re-signed FB Reagan Mau'i. Placed FB Korey Hall on the reserve/retired list.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Named DL Marcus Forston to the practice squad.
Released S Cynl Quarles from the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed CB Darrin Walls to the practice squad. Released WR Jordan White from the practice squad.

Canadian Football League
CFL—Fined the Edmonton Eskimos \$1,000 for having an ineligible player participate in practice.

HOCKEY
American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE—Signed D Tyson Strachan to a professional try-out contract.
WORCESTER SHARKS—Signed C James Sheppard.

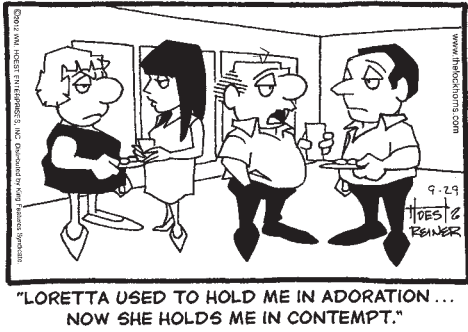
SOCCER
United Soccer League
PHOENIX FC—Signed F Darren Mackie to a one-year contract.

COLLEGE
KANSAS—Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Bill Self on contract extension through the 2021-22 season.
RHODE ISLAND—Named Anthony Leonelli men's assistant basketball coach.
SAGE—Named Brian Eastman men's assistant basketball coach.

TENNIS

WTA Toray Pan Pacific Open Results
Friday
At Ariake Colosseum
Tokyo
Purse: \$2.17 million (Premier)<

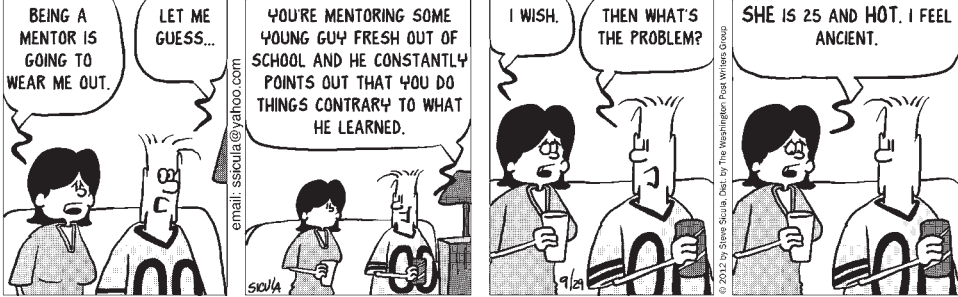
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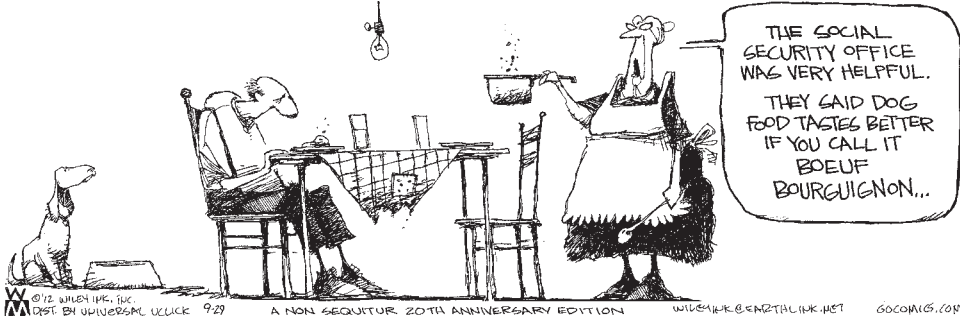
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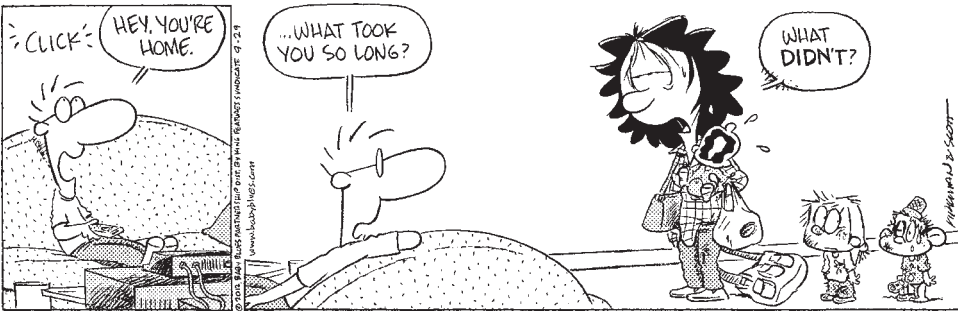
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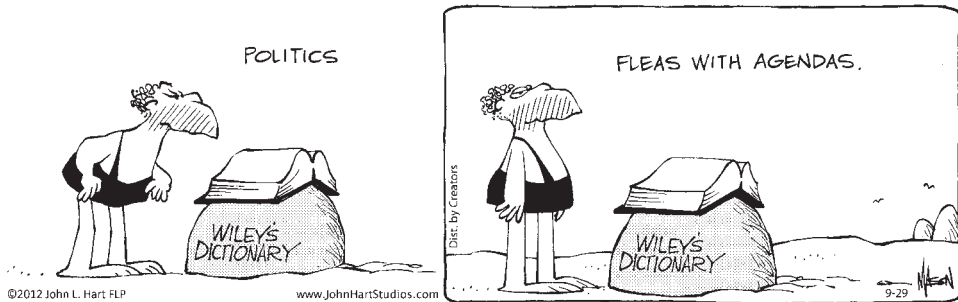
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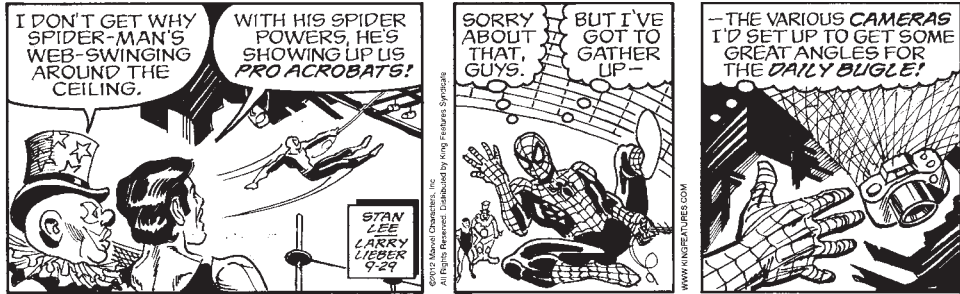
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The Amazing Spider-Man



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Stone Soup



Arlo and Janis



Jump Start



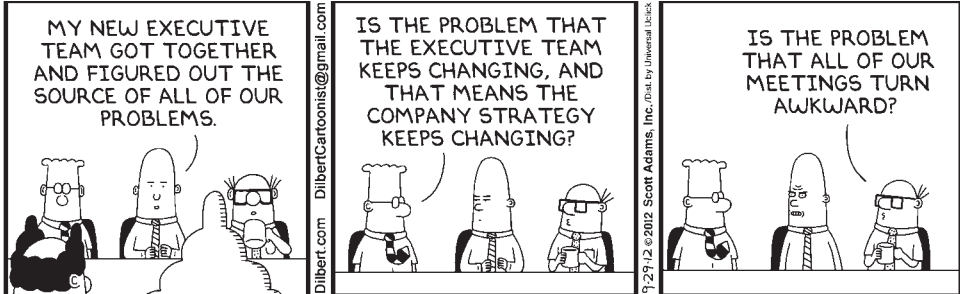
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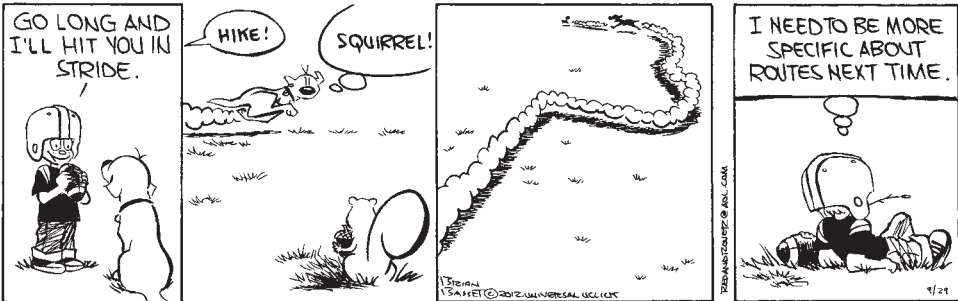
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Dilbert



Red and Rover



Heart of the City



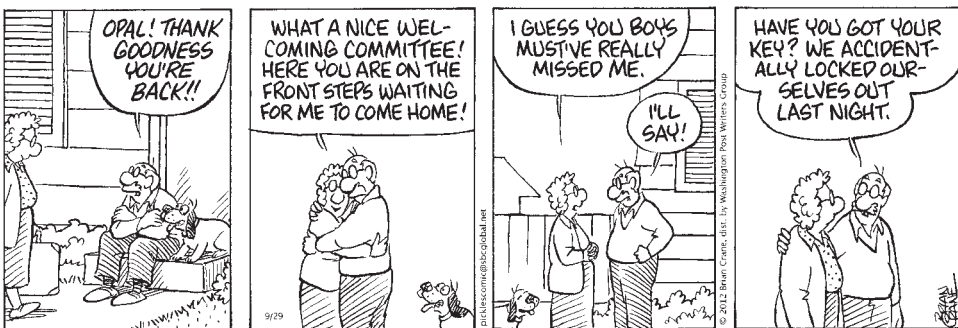
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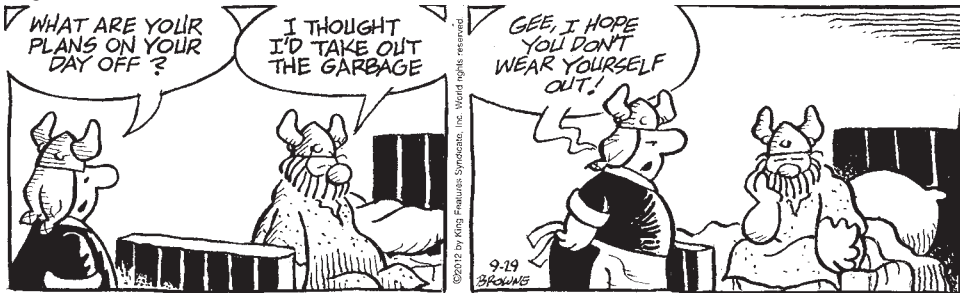
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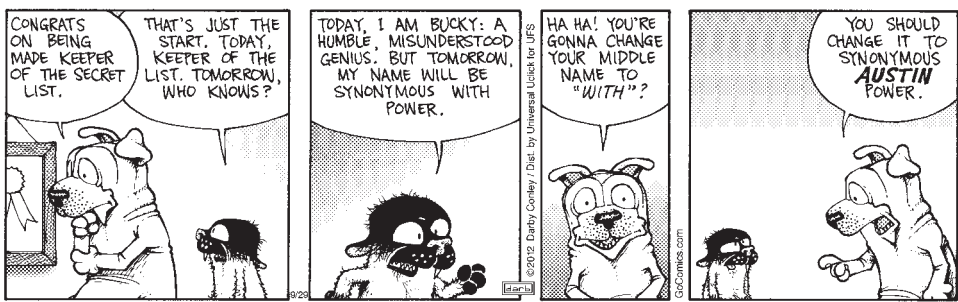
Pickles



Hagar the Horrible



Get Fuzzy



PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING SEP. 29							
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (2)(3)(41)(57)	N Beat	College Football Wisconsin at Nebraska. (N) (L)					
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Entertainment Ton.	NYC 22		To Be Announced		48 Hours "My Dad's Killer"	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	March-Medina	Revolution "Chained Heart"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Capt. Cragen is arrested for the murder.			
FOX (17)(28)(32)	College Football Texas at Oklahoma State. (N) (L)						
PBS (34)	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 3)		Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 3)		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Futurama	Futurama	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	News	The Punisher
MNT (50)	:00 Bones	Burn Notice "Pilot" (Part 1 of 2)		Burn Notice "Question & Answer"		The Closer "Off the Hook"	
WCIU (26)	Family Guy	Futurama	Futurama	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	American Dad
WHME (48)	Live From Studio B	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Israel Tour 2012	Crook & Chase	
WSBT (22)	Conspiracy Files	Da Vinci's Inquest "An Act of God"		Cold Squad "Learning Curve"		WSBT News (N)	Hollywood
A&E	Parking Wars	*** Independence Day '96, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships.					
AMC	6:00 Into the West	*** Tombstone '93, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.					
Animal	My Cat	My Cat From Hell		My Cat From Hell		My Cat From Hell	
BET	6:30 ** Major Payne	*** Akeelah and the Bee '06)					
Big Ten	Postgame	Women's College Volleyball				Tailgate	LiveBIG
Bravo	Housewives	The Real Housewives of Miami		*** Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (03, Action) Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox.			
Cartoon	:00 *** Shrek '01	Venture		King/Hill	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	
Cinemax	6:45 ** The A-Team '10, Action) Liam Neeson.	Strike Back		* Beyond '11) Jon Voight.			
CMT	Reba	Reba	Reba	Bayou	Bayou	Redneck Rehab (N)	
CNBC	Millions	Ultimate Factories		Suze Orman Show		Debt/Part	Debt/Part
CNN	News'r'm	America to Work		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom (N)	
Comedy	6:48 Without a Paddle	Daniel Tosh: Happy			Demetri Martin.		
CSNC	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Chicago White Sox.	Outlaw Empires			Postgame	SportsNet	
Discovery	Outlaw Empires	Outlaw Empires			Outlaw Empires		
Disney	Austin	Vampire	Good	Gravity	Code 9	Jessie	Gravity
DIY	10	Holmes on Homes		Ren.	Ren.	Ren.	Ren.
E!	Jonas	*** Julie & Julia '09) Meryl Streep, Amy Adams.					
Encore	6:10 Twins	*** True Lies '94) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.					Conan-Barbarn
ESPN	:00 College Football Teams TBA. (N) (L)				Score	Football	
ESPN2	College Football Teams TBA.	:15 College Football Teams TBA. (N) (L)					
ESPN3	30 for 30	2012 Ryder Cup Day Two. (N Same-day Tape)					
Family	Lady & Tramp	:03 *** Aladdin '92, Fantasy) Voices of Scott Weinger, Robin Williams.			:04 *** Aladdin '92)		
Food	Restaur	Restaurant Stakeout		Restaurant Stakeout		Restaurant Stakeout	
Fox News	Report	Huckabee (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Stossel	
Fox Sports	:00 College Football Texas Christian at Southern Methodist. (N)						Football
FX	Two and Half Men	*** The Karate Kid '10, Drama) Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan. A Chinese master schools an American boy in the martial arts.					
G4	Bomb	Bomb Patrol		Bomb Patrol		Bomb Patrol	
Golf	:00 Live From the Ryder Cup (N)	Live From the Ryder Cup					
Hallmark	:00 Love's Everlasting Courage '10) Cheryl Ladd.	*** Love Comes Softly '03, Drama) Katherine Heigl, Dale Midkiff.					
HBO	D.O.A.: Dead	* The Sitter '11) Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor. (P).				Boxing	
History	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
HGTV	Dina	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Int
Learning	Dateline	Dateline: Real Life					
Lifetime	Last Hour	* A Mother's Nightmare '12) (P).				Preacher's Daughter	
MSNBC	Doc	Documentary					
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore	
NFL	NFL Total Access	Sound FX		Top 10 Trick Plays		A Football Life	
Nick	Victorious	Victorious	Big Time	Rock	iCarly	Nanny	Nanny
NGEO	Explorer	Nazi Scrapbooks		Human Lampshade		GI Death Camp	
Oxygen	:00 *** Walk the Line '05, Biography) Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon.						*** Cruel Intentions '99)
Showtime	** Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life '03) Angelina Jolie.	All Access			Strikeforce: Melendez vs. Healy (N)		
Spike	:10 ** I, Robot '04, Science Fiction) Will Smith.	The Punisher					
Starz	:25 * Jack and Jill '11, Comedy) Adam Sandler.	*** The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo '11) Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara.					
SyFy	:00 Lake Placid 2 '07) John Schneider, Sam McMurray.	Lake Placid: The Final Chapter '12) Yancy Butler, Robert Englund. (P).					
TBS	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Franklin & Bash	
TCM	Valley of the Kings	*** The Fallen Idol '48) Ralph Richardson, Michèle Morgan.			** Anna Karenina '48, Drama)		
TMC	:25 * Route 666 '01) Lou Diamond Phillips.	*** The Hole '01, Suspense) Thora Birch.		The Last Winter			
TNT	Extinction ** The Book of Eli '10) Denzel Washington.	American					
Travel	Smi.	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	NCIS The team hunts for a killer.		NCIS "Caged" Women's prison riot.		NCIS "Broken Bird"	
VH1	Bsk.	Rehab With Dr. Drew		*** Mean Girls '04, Comedy)			
WGN-A	Funny Videos	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Arizona Diamondbacks. From Chase Field in Phoenix. (N) (L)					

Careful monitoring ensures right dosage of thyroid hormone

Dear Doctor K: I have hypothyroidism and take synthetic thyroid hormone. Is it OK to switch brands or switch to a generic?

Dear Reader: It's OK to switch, so long as your doctor monitors your thyroid blood tests. It is very important to get your dose right: Your thyroid gland influences your metabolism. It affects everything from body temperature to body weight, energy level, even fertility.

Thyroid hormone comes in two forms, called T4 and T3. Although there is some controversy on this point, most thyroid experts here at Harvard Medical School think that T4 and T3 pills are equally effective. Most often, doctors treat with a synthetic form of T4 called levothyroxine sodium.

Hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland is not making enough thyroid hormone. Two blood tests are used most often to diagnose hypothyroidism; they measure the levels of the T4 and thyroid-stimulating (TSH) hormone. TSH is a brain hormone. When the brain senses your T4 levels are low, it makes more TSH. The TSH then signals the thyroid to make more T4.

So, paradoxically, when your thyroid gland starts to not make enough T4, your T4 level is low but your TSH level is high. These tests help diagnose hypothyroidism, and enable your doctor to determine if your treatment dose is correct. (I've put a picture explaining how the thyroid works on my website, AskDoctorK.com.)

If your thyroid gland can't make enough T4, you need to take some thyroid hormone in pill form. Finding the right dose of treatment involves some trial and error. Your initial dose is an educated estimate. To check if it's correct, your doctor will measure your blood levels of TSH (and, sometimes, also T4). If your TSH level still is high, you need a higher dose of T4. If the TSH level is normal, you're on the right dose. If the TSH level is too low, your dose is too high.

There are many brands of synthetic T4, and each is as good as the next. However, problems can occur when you switch brands.



Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Small differences between brands can significantly impact how much T4 your body absorbs. Even slight changes in amounts of T4 absorbed may affect your overall health.

If you must switch – if your health plan changes its list of approved drugs, or if another brand is cheaper – tell your doctor. He or she should measure your TSH level after you start the new brand and make necessary adjustments to your dosage.

I also wouldn't recommend taking a generic version of synthetic T4. You're not guaranteed to receive the same generic version every time you refill your prescription. This inconsistency may throw off your thyroid hormone levels. What's more, the FDA allows a certain degree of difference between a generic and its brand-name equivalent. This slight difference can have a significant impact on thyroid hormone levels.

If you must switch to a generic, your doctor should regularly monitor your TSH levels.

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Girlfriend refuses to see man's writing on the wall

Dear Abby: My boyfriend of one year has told me he needs to focus on getting his life together – getting a better job, concentrating on his career and finding himself. At this point in his life, he knows he can't provide for me and give me what I want, which is to settle down in a few years.

He said he is unsure when he will have his life together and he doesn't want me to wait for him. He feels he needs to be "selfish" now and focus only on himself. We have talked about breaking up, and while he has faith that we will be together again, I can't bring myself to end things with this amazing man. – Afraid To Let Go

Dear Afraid: When a man says he wants to focus only on himself and he doesn't want you to wait for him, what he is really saying is, "It's over." While the prospect of moving on after having invested a year in the relationship may be anxiety-provoking, at this point, you really have no choice. And don't expect to "be together again" anytime soon because his road to self-discovery could take a long, long time if it happens at all. Please accept my sympathy for your heartache.

Dear Abby: I am a 13-year-old boy. My dad and I have a disagree-

ment. I have been throwing away the lunches my mom packs for school because I don't like them and buy school lunches. I realize this was ungrateful and dishonest, and I regret doing it.

As a punishment, Dad won't let me go to one of my best friends' birthday party. I'm fine with being punished, but I think this punishment is unfair to my friend because he doesn't get to have me at his party. Instead, I think it would be better to be grounded or made to do extra chores. Who's right? – Normal Teen In Orinda, Calif.

Dear Teen: You are a born negotiator. Instead of taking your punishment, you're trying for a plea bargain. I wouldn't be surprised if in the future you become a successful lawyer.

However, regarding your question – I'm not getting in the middle of this one. And I'm pretty sure that this is a punishment you won't soon forget. Bon appetit!

Dear Abby: My aunt has been diagnosed with a progressive form of dementia and has had to be



Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 — Hari
 - 5 Hero's journey
 - 10 Turn into
 - 12 Daddy's sister
 - 13 Predetermine
 - 14 Gauchos' gear
 - 15 Delt neighbors
 - 16 Oxford tutor
 - 18 Lb. or tsp.
 - 19 Arm muscle
 - 23 Gulf st.
 - 26 Social insect
 - 27 Demand, as for electricity
 - 30 Offshore platform (2 wds.)
 - 32 Sugar trees
 - 34 Queues
 - 35 Theater employees
 - 36 Prince Charles' sister
 - 37 Run well
 - 38 PC monitor
 - 39 Kind of school
 - 42 Dairy unit

- 45 Promissory note**
- 46 Per person**
- 50 Spouted rhetoric**
- 53 Hesitant**
- 55 Mar**
- 56 Evening gala**
- 57 — voce**
- 58 Make like a beaver**
- DOWN**
- 1 Pierre's parent
 - 2 Heavy-metal band
 - 3 Breakfast order
 - 4 Left Bank friend
 - 5 On the — vive
 - 6 Ms. Merkel
 - 7 Soul singer — James
 - 8 Yul's film realm
 - 9 Kind of pilot
 - 10 Early jazz
 - 11 Conclusions
 - 12 Handel contemporary
 - 17 Fall mo.
 - 20 Viking, perhaps

Answer to Previous Puzzle

TOTAL	AGREE
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ECRU	MIST
RES	TEASE
DAN	ANA
ANTICS	IDLERS
UTOPIA	LEAPER
GHOST	DIALS

- 21 Red Cross supply
- 22 Coll. student
- 23 Watch pocket
- 24 Luigi's dollar, once
- 25 Shepard or Greenspan
- 28 Knighted Guinness
- 29 Earl — Biggers
- 31 Boxing venue
- 32 Oahu attire
- 33 Mach 1 exceeder of yore
- 37 RN employer
- 40 Mayoral assistant
- 41 Tree secretion
- 42 Ocean fishes
- 43 Two-color cookie
- 44 Blow gently
- 47 Subtle glow
- 48 Deckhands
- 49 Part of a giggle
- 51 Make doilies
- 52 Kind of system
- 54 Fruitcake go-with

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter for each square, to form four ordinary words.

TNFOR

CEINE

OHSLUD

GIMAPE

Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: USHER GROVE UTOPIA PIGLET
Answer: The waterfowl in Lisbon were this — "PORTU-GESE"



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

BRIDGE

Warren Buffett, a keen bridge player, explained Berkshire Hathaway's investment policy thus: "We simply attempt to be fearful when others are greedy and to be greedy only when others are fearful."

Greed can be expensive at the bridge table. Do not risk your contract for the sake of an overtrick unless you are playing in a pair event scored by matchpoints and have the odds in your favor. In pairs, overtricks can be very valuable.

In today's deal, how should South play in six spades after West leads the heart 10? As a secondary issue, what contract would you like to be in?

First, in the bidding, North's three-club response would normally

promise at least eight points. But this pair was playing the modern style that two clubs – two diamonds – two of a major – three clubs would be a double negative, showing zero to 4 points. So a three-club positive may be a tad lighter than usual.

Seven clubs is an excellent contract. However, it would be easy to assume that the spades were worth five tricks and start by drawing trumps. With this layout, though, doing so would be fatal. Instead, South must take a diamond ruff in his hand, then run the clubs to squeeze East in the major suits.

Six spades is similar. If South ruffs at trick one and greedily plays spades

KAKURO

	30	13		24	26	3	18	19	24
16				21					
11				35					
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Baltimore police uncover 1951 Renoir theft report

Museum wants art back; painting was bought recently at flea market for \$7

By BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Police have located a 60-year-old theft report from the day a Renoir painting disappeared from the Baltimore Museum of Art that matches the description of an artwork that sold for \$7 recently at a flea market. Now an art theft expert says the museum has a strong case to get it back.

Baltimore police on Friday uncovered the report from Nov. 17, 1951. The museum on Thursday said it also found a record in its library that the painting was stolen. The police report noted there was no evidence of forced entry at the museum and that the painting was valued then at \$2,500.

According to the report, James N. Foster Jr., an executive assistant at the museum, reported that “some time between 6 p.m. Nov. 16 and 1 p.m. this date (Nov. 17) someone stole the following painting.”

The brief police report notes the 5 1/2-by-9-inch piece, “On the Shore of the Seine,” was painted by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. It describes “a river scene in pink and blue.” No other items were reported stolen.

Six decades later, a Virginia woman said she bought the painting at a West Virginia flea market in 2010. She kept it in storage for nearly two years — thinking it must be fake — and then decided to have it examined by an auction house in Alexandria, Va.

The Potomack Co. verified it was Renoir’s “Paysage Bords de Seine,” which translates to Banks of the River Seine. The auction house said it checked a

worldwide registry of stolen artwork in July, and the Renoir piece had never been reported stolen or missing.

The painting was to be sold at auction for the woman on Saturday and it was expected to fetch at least \$75,000.

The auction was postponed this week after a Washington Post reporter first found evidence the painting had been on loan to the museum from 1937 until 1951.

An expert on art thefts told The Associated Press the museum likely has a strong case to reclaim the painting. Robert Wittman, a former FBI investigator of national art thefts, said the artwork’s dimensions and composition are key in matching it to a stolen piece.

“I just figured it would be a matter of time before somebody made a claim because those things just don’t disappear,” Wittman said of the Renoir found in a box of trinkets.

If there’s a legal dispute over ownership of the painting, it would likely be a civil, not criminal, dispute, Wittman said.

The museum’s insurance company from 1951 also might be able to make a claim, though the museum had not located insurance records to identify the company.

Museum officials were combing through paper records Friday to learn more about the theft. So far, they have found a record documenting the museum had borrowed the painting from art patron Saidie A. May, who donated many other works to the museum.

The painting was on exhibit at the time it was stolen, said museum spokeswoman Anne Mannix. It’s listed in a catalog for the 1951 exhibit, “From Ingres to Gauguin: French 19th Century Paintings Owned in Maryland.”

Warning signs seen before actor’s death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Probation officials openly worried about actor Johnny Lewis’ mental health and his danger to others in recent months, and this week their worst fears came true.



LEWIS

The man who died a violent death on “Sons of Anarchy” three years ago apparently beat and strangled his landlady and attacked neighbors before falling or leaping to his own death in neighborhood near Hollywood on Wednesday.

They were the final violent acts of a man who in the previous 10 months had been repeatedly arrested, sent to counseling and had left jail only five days before his demise.

Court records and his attorney detailed attempts to help Lewis but not in time to help Catherine Davis, 81,

who neighbors reported screaming inside a home near the outskirts of Los Angeles’ Griffith Park. The home had been ransacked, glass was shattered and a dead cat was also found inside, and Lewis’ body was found in the driveway.

Lewis’ cause of death is pending toxicology results, Coroner’s investigative division Lt. Fred Corral said Thursday evening. Davis died from blunt head trauma and manual strangulation, he said.

The deaths came four months after a probation officer expressed grave concerns about Lewis’ mental health, writing that he was “very concerned for the well-being of not only the community but that of the defendant.” Court records detail Lewis’ descent from January 2012, when he attacked two men and hit them in the head with a bottle, through August, when he acted as his own attorney and pleaded no contest to felony assault.

WHAT’S HOT FOR CHRISTMAS



(From left) Coco, 13, Andrew, 11, and Chloe, 12, demonstrate toys displayed at the Time to Play Holiday Showcase, an annual toy industry press event Friday in New York. TimetoPlayMag.com, the number one source for all things play, provides independent reviews of children’s toys and family entertainment.

AT LEFT: A selection of toys from the Time to Play Holiday 2012 Most Wanted, the 18 toys predicted to top wish lists this season, are displayed.

Charles Sykes / Invision / AP

Who’s watching? 3-D TV no hit with viewers

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Phil Orlins knows everything about producing TV in three dimensions. The ESPN producer has captured the undulating greens of Augusta National and the flying motor bikes of the X-Games for ESPN’s 3-D channel. But he can only guess how well his shows resonate with viewers. That’s because 3-D audiences are so small they can’t be measured by Nielsen’s rating system.

“The feedback on The Masters was fast and furious. You could go on Twitter at any moment, and there’d be comments coming in every minute about 3-D coverage,” said Orlins while giving a tour of a production truck at this summer’s X-Games. “But then you go to some other events where it’s pretty quiet.”

Orlins’ problem is that fewer than 115,000 American homes are tuned into 3-D channels at any one time. That’s less than a hundredth of the 20.2 million-strong audience that saw television’s highest-rated show, “NCIS,” this week. 3-D viewership is so tiny that The Nielsen Co.’s methods are unable to capture any meaningful data about viewers’ programming preferences.

ESPN 3D is one of nine 3-D channels that launched in the years following the late 2009 release of James Cameron’s “Avatar.” The 3-D blockbuster won three Oscars

and ranks as the highest-grossing film of all time, garnering \$2.8 billion at the global box office.

“Avatar” was supposed to change everything. Enthusiastic television executives expected the movie to spur 3-D’s transition to American living rooms, boosting sales of TVs and, they hoped, getting people to pay for 3-D channels.

That never happened. Only 2 percent of TVs in the U.S. are able to show 3-D programming, according to the most recent data from research firm IHS Screen Digest. That’s about 6.9 million sets out of 331 million. After this year’s Christmas buying rush, IHS expects the number of 3-D-capable televisions in homes to jump to 19.3 million, mostly because many new larger TVs automatically include the technology. If you’re in the market for a big-screen TV, you’re likely to wind up with 3-D, too. Even so, 3-D TVs will amount to fewer than 6 percent of all sets.

“We’ve learned with every passing day that we were ahead of the curve further than we thought we were,” said Bryan Burns, the business leader for ESPN 3D. “We hit the on-ramp earlier than we real-

ized at the time.”

At movie theaters, 3-D has attracted lots of viewers. But not at home. There’s a supply problem: 3-D TV is expensive to produce, so there’s not a lot of it. Of the content out there, some isn’t very good. There’s an equipment problem: Some people find the special glasses required for 3-D TV uncomfortable. And there’s a money problem: Many wonder if it’s worth the extra cost.

“It was kind of fascinating to me, but it’s not all there,” said Tim Carter, a graphic designer in Sarasota, Fla., who bought a large 3-D TV with other high-end features last year for about \$1,800.

Today, the average 42-inch 3-D television costs about \$900, according to IHS — about \$200 more than similar-sized, more basic models. A 3-D TV tends to be more expensive because 3-D is one feature common to TVs with bigger screens. It is usually grouped with other upgrades that matter more to consumers, including motion-smoothing technology and light-emitting diodes that are more energy-efficient and display color contrast better than traditional liquid crystal display

sets.

“There’s very little direct consumer demand” for 3-D, said Tom Morrod, a TV technology analyst with IHS in London. “They don’t see a value with it. Consumers associate value right now with screen size and very few other features.”

A 3-D TV contains a high-tech chip and software that translates 3-D video feeds into the right- and left-eye images that create the 3-D effect for people wearing the right glasses. In some cases, special glasses can cost an extra \$50 or so.

Watching home movies on disc requires a 3-D Blu-ray player that can cost another \$120, and each set of 3-D Blu-ray discs costs about \$27, according to IHS.

TV distributors now don’t charge specifically for channels like ESPN 3D. But 3-D channels are only “free” if you’re already paying up for a pricey package. They’re bundled with add-ons like HD service and high-definition digital video recorders. For a DirecTV subscriber, for example, that means \$200 high-definition digital video recorder and \$10 per month for HD service.

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Concrete solution for concrete hearts

GENESIS 6:5: And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the Earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

As a young lad I used to work with my father on construction jobs and the homes that were being built were generally built on a concrete foundation. At that time in my life I was not familiar with God's word regarding a house that is built on a solid foundation as a solution to preventing the damages of Katrina-type hurricanes with winds in excess of 150 miles per hour. It was just a job that I did for \$.75 per hour mixing cement, sand and water together and spreading it over an area that had been framed by the contractor. Webster defines the word concrete as "a word or notion referring to an actual thing or instance," and to render solid."

The word of God records repeated failures of man that makes it easy to mistakenly believe that there must have been a "creative flaw." When purchasing some new products, the manufacturer give a written warranty or state and federal laws mandate a warranty of fitness for its intended purpose. Everything that God created was created for his own good and perfect will and came with the implied warranty of "fit for his intended purpose!" Everything that God created was good and after creating man he seem to have bragged on the very good job he had done. There was no defect or flaw in that which he created. There was nothing wrong with Adam and Eve's DNA that drove them to sin. There was no defect in their hearts that encouraged them to commit murder, rape, robbery, arson or to do drugs. But Satan tempted them to open the door to their hearts and convinced them to eat of the forbidden fruit which contaminated the very good heart that God had given them, and in the days of Noah the text says: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Their concrete hearts were evil when they got up in the morning, when they sat down to eat lunch at noon, and when they prepared to lay down at night just as our hearts are today. John 3:16 provides us with God's solution to man's concrete heart:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but would have everlasting life."

In our text today we find that God, the Potter, was not pleased with his relationship with man and his good creation, the clay. It sounds like some sinful cement, sand and water had entered into the heart of man and created in him a "stony heart" resulting in the need for a "concrete solution."

The wickedness of man was and still is great in the earth as it was in the days of Noah. Sometimes the hearts of our children may become so contaminated with evil (drugs, alcohol, criminal activity) that we may wish they were never born. But then we have to show them tough love as a concrete solution to a concrete heart. God does the same thing with us. Our prodigal nature causes us to backslide and we end up wallowing in the sinful pig sties of this world, and finally God uses his concrete solution of chastisement to turn us from our wicked ways as he cleanses our hearts and starts us out again walking in the footsteps of his Son who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Heb. 4:7 and 12 says: "Today if ye hear My voice, harden not your hearts, For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

It's just another concrete solution to a concrete heart.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Kenneth M. Gavin, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Benton Harbor.

Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches.

The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.



Kenneth Gavin
Insights

CHURCH NOTES

Christian Reformed Church, 3275 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, will host a comedy night at 7 p.m. today. Enjoy an evening of Christian sketch comedy by local group, Tinted Glass. A free will offering will be taken and a bake sale will be held. Proceeds will support the church mission teams trip to the Dominican Republic this winter.

St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 1753 Union, Benton Harbor, will hold it's annual pet blessing inside the church at 10 a.m. Sunday. This fast-paced service includes a blessing for your pets and a Holy Communion for you. The church will also collect pet food and cash for the Humane Society. All pets and people are welcome. Please remember leashes or crates for the animals.

Union Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, 911 S. Crystal, Benton Harbor, will have a special presentation on "The Doctrine of Justification" during the 10:45 service Sunday.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, will be joining the St. Peter UCC, Coloma UCC and St. Paul UCC congregations Sunday for Consortium Worship at 10 a.m. (note time change). The joint service at will be held at **First Congregational UCC,** 182 S. Church St, Coloma. Nursery care is available. Joint choir rehearsal at Coloma at 8:45

(There will be no Church School or Worship Service at Pilgrim this Sunday).

St. Joseph First United Methodist Church, 2950 Lakeview Ave., St. Joseph, will host missionaries, Brent and Beth Cravens, on Sunday. Brent and Beth were missionaries in Kazakhstan for eight years. They are now embarking on a new missionary journey to northern India. A complimentary lasagna lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. followed by a discussion of their ministry.

Thirty years ago there was a great spirit of cooperation among churches in South Haven, 'We Care INC' was begun and the first 'CROP Hunger Walk' was held. At the same time, the Samaritan Counseling Center opened a satellite office at First Congregational Church. **First Congregational Church UCC,** 651 Phoenix St., South Haven, will celebrate this partnership between the Center and the church. The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chapman will also be recognized as he has been a counselor here during that entire time. Dr. Chapman also served as the Director of the Center for many years. The current Executive Director, Kim Forsey, along with Diane Kopp another counselor who works at the South Haven office will be present during the service. The service will take place at 10:30 a.m., and there will be a celebratory party and open

house from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that The Balos Family who sings Bluegrass Gospel music will be at the **Hartford General Baptist Church,** 323 E. Main St., Hartford at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend and then to stay with us for a potluck dinner following the concert. Please bring a dish to pass for the dinner. There will be a love offering taken during the concert for the Family.

Greater Emmanuel World Wide Church, 6706 E. Main St., Eau Claire, will have a Pastor Aid service at 3 p.m. Sunday. The guest speaker will be Pastor Lee Taylor of the Mount Zion M. Baptist Church in Benton Harbor.

Old Path Church of God, 401 Madison Ave., Benton Harbor, will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) from Sunday through Oct. 8. Worship services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m. on Monday and Oct. 8; 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 and at 9 a.m. on Oct. 6.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9123 George Ave., Berrien Springs, will host a 100th Anniversary Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The event will include an organ concert at 10:10 a.m. with Decades of Confirmation photos on an overhead screen. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier, President of the Michigan District, LCMS- Ann Arbor. The guest organist will be Keven

Hildebrand of Fort Wayne, Ind. He is a former student of Trinity Lutheran School.

Pastor Harry Clark and the congregation of **St. John's United Church of Christ,** 601 Sycamore St., Niles, will hold an old fashioned hymn sing at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Annual St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals service is scheduled for 4 p.m. (EDT) Oct. 6, at the **Episcopal Church of the Mediator,** 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, (midway between Lakeside and Harbert). Animal owners are invited to bring their pets caged, leashed or otherwise accommodated. Stuffed animals are also welcome. Invite your family and friends. Treats for pets and people will be provided. If you choose to make a free-will offering it will be donated to Animal Lovers, a non-profit organization that offers scholarships for neutering and spaying of dogs and cats.

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No tax, no blessing: German church insists on levy

BERLIN (AP) — The road to heaven is paved with more than good intentions for Germany's 24 million Catholics. If they don't pay their religious taxes, they will be denied sacraments, including weddings, baptisms and funerals.

A decree issued last week by the country's bishops cast a spotlight on the longstanding practice in Germany and a handful of other European countries in which governments tax registered believers and then hand over the money to the religious institutions.

In Germany, Catholics, Protestants and Jews pay a surcharge of up to nine percent on their income tax bills — or about \$72 a month for a single person earning a pre-tax monthly salary of about \$4,500.

For religious institutions, struggling to maintain their congregations in a secular

society where the Protestant Reformation began 500 years ago, the tax revenues are vital.

The Catholic Church in Germany receives about \$6.5 billion annually from the surcharge. For Protestants, the total is just above \$5.2 billion. Donations, in turn, represent a far smaller share of the churches' income than in the United States.

With rising prices and economic uncertainty, however, more and more Catholics and Protestants are opting to save their money and declare to tax authorities they are no longer church members, even if they still consider themselves believers.

"I quit the church already in 2007," Manfred Gonschor, a Munich-based IT consultant, said. "It was when I got a bonus payment and realized that I could

have paid myself a nice holiday alone on the amount of church tax that I was paying on it."

Gonschor added he was also "really fed up with the institution and its failures."

Such defections have hit the Catholic Church especially hard — it has lost about 181,000 tax-paying members in 2010 and 126,000 a year later, according to official figures. Protestants, who number about 24 million nationwide, lost 145,000 registered members in Germany in 2010, the most recent year from which figures are available.

But the figures include some people who still want to baptize their children, take communion on major religious holidays, marry in a religious ceremony and receive Christian burials.

The group We are Church, which claims to

represent tens of thousands of grassroots Catholics, said many Germans stop paying the tax because they disagree with the church's policies or simply want to save money — not because they have lost their faith.

"I haven't quit because I still think that I might want to get married in a church one day, even though I know that's absurd," said Anna Ainsley, a 31-old-year banker and a Protestant from Frankfurt. "But when I see my tax declaration, then I think every year that I should finally quit."

Those are the people that Germany's Catholic bishops had in mind when they decreed on Sept. 20 that stopping the payment of religious taxes was "a serious lapse" and those who did so would then be excluded from a range of church activities.



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COLOMA- 2bd Upper, \$450/mo single occ, dep reqd. 449-6370

Nice 2bdrm recently remodeled. Coloma. 269 982-7108, 24 hr. info.

Sisters Lake area Near Magician Lake 2 bedroom apartment \$600 month plus utilities. Range and refrigerator included. Contact Joe at 630-244-6904

SJO 922 Lk.Blvd. 2 bd/rm upper w/attic walk to bch/dwn twn/ 2 cars. No smoking/pets, \$655 429 4464

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

2 bdrm furnished Apt. near Silver Beach, St. Joe Util, Cable, WiFi Included available Sept till June \$1050 +security 269-369-5237

Cozy 1BR upper, peek at Lk MI \$440 Gas & Water includ. 925-1090

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2 Bdrm home newly remodeled. Watervliet, no smoking/pets \$600/mo + \$600 Dep. water/sewer /trash incl 269-468-6201

2Bd in country, full basement, Oak floors no pets \$750 269-921-0023

Beach House, Stevensville 3 BR/2 bath \$2200/mo + utilities Call Pro Brokers 269-429-4663

Benton Heights, 2 bdrm, full bas. \$525/mo+sec. dep. 269-487-0111

Furnished House on St. Joe Riv. Great view, 4-5 bdrms/3.5 bath, \$1800/mo+ Call Pro Brokers 269-429-4663

Lakeside Prop. Mgmt taking new clients, lakesideproperty.net

Lovely 3 bed/2 bath 1680 sq ft w/office for only \$705 mo+ on lease/option 269 468-7736

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Sm 1BR N of Benton Hts, \$750/mo incl util & moving Pro Brokers 269-428 4663

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Stevensville 4BR/2.5ba, #1250/mo+ util Pro Brokers 269-428-4663

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September 24, 2012

Benjamin Holt
5848 Leon Drive
Scotts MI 49088
269/720-0321

Craig P. Jennings
P46953
4233 Red Arrow Hwy
Stevensville MI 49127
269/429-9999

CITY OF BANGOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Ordinance No. 282-
Fireworks

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The Bangor City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:45 P.M. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, for the purpose of receiving comments on proposed Ordinance No. 282 which, if approved, adds a new section to Chapter 95 (95.21) to the City Code establishing standards for the use of fireworks in the City.

COUNTRY apt., Lkshore sch., 960 s.f., 2 Br, 2 Ba, gar., storage. \$1000 + elec. 429-4260

St. Joe 2 bdrm, util rm, garage. Very clean. NO smoking/pets. \$600/mo + \$600 dep. 269-208 3791 or 269-944-3271

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

2 Bdrm, gnd cond., 26ft awning/deck, all appliances, fireplace, \$5000. Call 269-548-7024

MONUMENTS/CEMETERIES

2 side by side cemetery plots in Ruggles Cemetery Baroda, Close to road. 928-593-0474

For Sale: Final resting place in Hagar Shore, MI at beautiful, North Shore Memory Gardens, 2 adult spaces, 2 vaults, marker + vase 269-944 4087

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BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

To the qualified electors of Benton Charter Township in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012.

Any qualified elector of Benton Charter Township who is not already registered may register to vote at Benton Charter Township Clerk's Office, County Clerk's Office, any Secretary of State branch office or at the office of a designated State Agency during their regular business hours. To register by mail call the County Clerk or Township Clerk's office.

The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration records.

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Township Clerk.

Carolyn Phillips, Township Clerk
1725 Territorial Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 925-0616

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CITY OF BERRIEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
2012-0575-DE-N

Estate of Caroline J. Reinhardt, aka Caroline Reinhardt, Deceased Date of birth: April 30, 1916

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Caroline J. Reinhardt, aka Caroline Reinhardt, who lived at 1564 North M-63, Benton Harbor, Michigan died May 18, 2012.

Creditors of the de-

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KEELER TOWNSHIP, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Township of Keeler, 64121 Territorial Rd. W., Hartford, MI 49057, Van Buren County, MI will be held at the Keeler Township Hall, on October 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. To consider the application of R. Patrick Hickey. The variance request is for a side yard variance on the east side of house continuation of two (2) feet non conforming building line. The section of the Zoning Ordinance that pertains to this request is Section 3.33 D and Article XI, Section 11.02 B of the Township Zoning Ordinance for a Variance Permit. The property is located at 68443 M-152 Highway, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, more fully described as follows:

Plat No. 341-A, Property I.D. #80-12-031-054-10, Van Buren County.

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that you are invited to attend the hearing and to protest your opinions or position concerning the subject of this hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send a letter stating your opinions or position to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Keeler Township, 64121 Territorial Rd. W., Hartford, MI 49057. Letters must be received by October 15, 2012.

The Township of Keeler will provide the necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend its public meetings upon receiving at least one week's notice. Any individual requiring such aids or services should contact Keeler Township by writing or calling the following: Carl F. Davis, Clerk, 64418 Territorial Rd. W., Hartford, MI 49057, or by calling 269-621-6481.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that application or petition describing the action or relief being sought and the Township of Keeler Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during normal business hours, on Wednesday's from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may contact the Zoning Administrator, Allyn Anthony, at 63806 90th Avenue, Hartford, MI 49057 or by calling 269-424-5427, if you have any questions concerning the application for the variance request.

Dated: September 28th and September 29th, 2012

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township

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Map #399, Property I.D. #80-12-032-163-00, Van Buren County.

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Labor Force Skills Training and Job Development RFP

Michigan Works! Berrien-Cass-Van Buren is seeking proposals from qualified bidders to serve as a Microsoft Dynamics (CRM) 2011 and SharePoint 2007 resource.

Electronic bid request and specifications will be available at 8 AM EDT on Monday, October 12, 2012 at www.miworks.org. Hardcopies will also be available during normal business hours at Michigan Works, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI.

Contact person: Stacy Neidlinger, Procurement Specialist. Call 269-927-1064 or email stacy@miworks.org

Michigan Works! is seeking proposals for a vendor to provide: employability and life skills development sessions to remove barriers to employment for at risk populations job development services for direct placement or for transitional employment opportunities professional development training surrounding pathways out of poverty

Request for Proposal (RFP) applications will be released on or about October 1, 2012.

Applications will be available on the Michigan Works website at <http://www.miworks.org/Pages/publicinfo.aspx>

Interested parties may also contact Michigan Works! Procurement Department at 269-927-1799 ext. 1113 or email stacy@miworks.org to receive an application.

Michigan Works reserves the right to reject any or all bids received in response to this notice. Michigan Works is an equal opportunity program/employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT BERRIEN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO.
2012-0716-GA-S

LEGALS

In the matter of Lois Jackson, Alleged Incapacitated Individual

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: a possible spouse and/or children of Lois Jackson whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. Berrien County Probate Court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph MI 49085 before Judge Scott Schofield P26499 for the following purpose: Petition for Appointment of Guardian

September 24, 2012

Lakeland Specialty Hospital
6418 Deans Hill Road
Berrien Center MI 49102
269/473-3286

Craig P. Jennings
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FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES
1 Day Moving Sale: Sat. 29th, 9am-3pm, 4124 Cottage Path, off Glen- lord, misc. garden, tools, ext. ladder, crib, house- hold items, dog crate, carpet cleaner, vacuum.

1530 Cardinal Drive, St. Joe Antique, vintage and collectible sale. Furni- ture, dishes, glass- ware, frames, textiles, decorative items, dolls, and toys. Many unique items. 8am-5pm Friday, & 9am-3pm Saturday

Stevensville, 3320 W. Marquette Woods Rd., 8a-2p. Sat. Some An- tiques, Plenty of Baby articles, Misc.

Garage Sale. 6775 Deadwood, Coloma. Sat & Sun 9a-5p. TV's, elec- tronics, clothes, & much more.

Garage Sale. One day only! Sat, Sept. 29 Pool table, Ipod, Kayak, Girls bike, Cabbage Patch Dolls, Game Table, Liberty Falls Collectible Houses, Woman's & Boys clothes & more. 9a 5p 236 S. West Street Coloma (in town, next to the middle school)

Garage Sale: Stevens- ville SAT ONLY 9/29, 8a-2p. 7278 Washing- ton Ave. Corner of Linco & Washington. Ford garden tractor, Outdoor patio grill, Johnson Out- board Motor, Paintball gun with extras, Air-Rifle, Propane Heater, Sport- ing Equipment, Furnish- ing, Household, and An- tiques & Collectables.

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES
HUGE GARAGE SALE: 4915 N. Stockbridge St. Joe. High quality items, housewares, clothing, toys & Halloween cos- tumes. Sat. 9a-5p & Sunday 10a-5p

HUGE RUMMAGE @ Coloma High School. Sunday September 30 9am-4pm. Come and support Coloma Softball.

Multi-Family Sale, An- tiques to Zippers, great bargains, 507 S. Elm, Three Oak. Sept. 29th & 30th, 9a-4p

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Yard/Estate Sale: Thurs Sun Sept. 27th-30th. Afgans, crochet thread & books, Knick Knacks, planters, F.P toys, bed- room set, lots of misc. 5787 Daniel Boone Trail, Berrien Springs.

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